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# JAPANESE FORCES PENETRATE INTO BURMA?

## Reported Crossing Of British & Burmese Troops Into Thai Territory?

### Have Chinese Also Crossed Border Into Thailand?

MAJOR BATTLE IN KEDAH AREA RAGING

LONDON, Dec. 14

**A slight penetration into Burma from Thailand by Japanese forces has taken place in Point Victoria region, stated authoritative circles in London on Sunday.**

**Details of the entry into Burma are lacking but it is believed to have been made by a force landed on the other side of the peninsula some days ago.**

**(POINT VICTORIA WHERE THE JAPANESE PENETRATED INTO BURMA IS IN THE KRA ISTHMUS AND IS THE MOST SOUTHERLY POINT OF BURMA. IT IS NEARLY 500 MILES SOUTH SOUTH-WEST OF RANGOON).**

### BURMESE AND BRITISH TROOPS IN THAI

According to a Japanese report Burmese and British troops have crossed into Thai territory and Thai troops are driving them back. No confirmation of this report is available in London.

CHINESE FORCES ON THAI-LAND.

According to a Japanese report, Chinese forces have also crossed the border into Thailand and Thai forces are resisting them. But no confirmation of the report is available in London.

MAJOR BATTLE IN KEDAH AREA.

Malaya.—(From Reuter's correspondent in Singapore). There is no doubt that a major battle is going on in the Kedah area, although official communiques are very cryptic and give no details. Two days ago the Japanese launched a very heavy overland attack from Thailand using considerable forces, and fighting continues with unabated fury.

The Japanese troops have shown themselves to be extremely able fighters in this type of a jungle country, hacking their way through dense vegetation behind and between British lines, wading and swimming fully equipped through crocodile infested rivers, as though they have been specially trained for this particular sort of fighting. They are supported by considerable mobile equipment, which they are using efficiently along Kedah's one road, her railway line, and comparatively flat piece of country that skirts the seashore.

IMPERIAL TROOPS' BRAVE FIGHT.

Imperial Troops—mostly Indians, Scottish and English are fighting resolutely and bravely Many units have received orders neither to withdraw nor surrender but fight to the last man and the last bullet—and this they are doing fearlessly. The Imperial Air Force, which was mainly occupied previously in trying to prevent Japanese landings, is now able to give the ground troops full support, and British, Australian and Netherlands pilots are working in fullest co-operation, busily straf ng the Japanese wherever they can.

EFFECTIVE AIR SUPPORT.

Naturally, air support is most effective in open spaces where the Japanese are using their mechanised equipment, and here the Allied Air Force is blasting the enemy's tanks, armoured cars, lorries and supplies mercilessly. Inside the jungle itself spotting from the air is almost impossible and ground troops must rely on their own devices. The Japanese are also affording their troops support from the air, but the same difficulties as regards knowing who is where or what to strafe in the jungle below applies to them.

There is no corroboration of any evidence of extensive activities by German pilots with the Japanese air forces, although at least one German pilo has already been shot down by the Imperial forces over Northern Malaya.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN EVACUATED.

On other Malayan fronts, the situation seems to have temporarily stabilised. Six hundred European women and children have been evacuated from Penang to other parts of Malaya, where reception arrangemen's are being made by the civilian authorities and ordinary householders.

TWO ENEMY SHIPS SUNK.

According to a special announcement made on the Batavia radio, the Commander-in-Chief of the Netherland East Indies naval forces has been informed that during the new action by Netherlands submarines, off the east coast of Malaya, two enemy ships were sunk. One of these ships was a cargo steamer and the other a tanker.

VOLUNTEERS' DEFENCE CORPS.

SYDNEY:—The Army Minister announces that arrangements are nearing completion for calling up a volunteers defence corps composed mainly of soldiers of the last war for fulltime duty.

ACTIVE PARTS BY N. E. I. AIR FORCE.

London.—According to the Batavia radio, Sunday's Communique issued by the fighting service is as follows: "Since the last Communique operations of minor importance have taken place in N. E. I. territory.

Enemy aircraft were observed at points over our Archipelago.

Yesterday's dispatches alluding to successes by Netherlands submarines of the east coast of Thailand can be officially confirmed The N. E. I.'s airforce is taking a very active share in the defence of Malaya.

Aus ralian aircraft are reinforcing the N. E. I. air force.

N. E. I. troops participated in the action mentioned in yesterday's communique on the east coast of Br.tish North Borneo, which took place at the request of our allies".

INTERNMENT OF JAPS.

The action referred to in British North Borneo was the internment of Japanese settlers.

CONFISCATION OF ALLIED PROPERTY.

According to news received from Bangkok, all British and American property in Thailand will be confiscated, states the Italian radio.

ALLIED PLANES OVER FORMOSA

TOKYO:—The Japanese army headquarters in Formosa announced to-day (Sunday) that 12 enemy planes were sighted off Takao, in south-west Formosa yesterday evening, but flew off when near the city.—Reuter.

JAP. PLANES OVER PENANG

PENANG:— Japanese planes twice flew over Penang on Sunday morning, but were driven off before dropping any bombs.

CAIRO:—Among the awards for gallantry in the recent operations in the Western Desert is that of the Indian Distinguished Service medal to Havildar Chatterbuj Singh of the Sixth Rajputana rifles.

### BURMA PREMIER SAFE

HONOLULU, Dec. 14.

**The Burma Premier U Saw and his Adviser are safe here. Their future movements are not known, states the British Consul here.—Reuter.**

## Azad Unable To Visualise Change

### Asks If Britain Is Adamant, Why Should Congress Change Policy?

CALCUTTA, Dec. 14.

In an interview this evening, the Congress President Maulana Abul Kalam Azad said:—

"Now that we, all the members of the Working Committee are out of prison, it is natural that we will meet on some occasions to exchange our views. I have, therefore, in consultation with Mahatma Gandhi called a meeting of the Committee at Bardoli on December 23.

**No Cause For Change**

**In the meantime, it seems unnecessary to say anything about the present situation. The proper place for giving expression to our views would be the meeting of the Committee itself and the result of the deliberations would come before the country at proper time."**

**In reply to the question whether in the existing circumstances any change in the policy of the Congress could be expected, the Maulana said: "There is no dogma in our political creed. If the circumstances change, we should certainly change our attitude. But has any change come over the circumstances? The last meeting of the Congress Working Committee was held in October, 1940. Now it is meeting again fully after 15 months. During this interval, not a single incident reflects the slightest change in the attitude of the British Government. Under these circumstances I am unable to visualise a change".—A. P.**

### *FORGING BONDS OF TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP*

CHUNGKING, Dec. 14.

The text of the message sent by President Roosevelt to Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek, last Tuesday, was released to-day (Sunday). It reads: "Japan first treacherously attacked, and then declared war upon the United States. The Congress has declared the existence of a state of war between the United States and Japan. In the valiant struggle of resistance which China has carried on for four and a half years, against the invading forces of her predatory neighbour, China has been made aware of this country's sympathy in principle and practice. China is now being joined in her resistance to aggression by a host of other nations that have been menaced by Japan and by the movement of conquest in which Japan is the major participant.

"The struggle cannot easily or quickly be brought to a successful end. It will demand of all who are entering in, as it has demanded and will demand of you and your courageous people, concentrated effort and intensive devotion to the common cause of vanquishing the enemy and thereafter, establishing a just peace. I am wholly confident that the *struggle in which we are engaged in common with other gallant nations will forge stronger bonds of traditional friendship, and will result inevitably in the complete destruction of the lawless forces against which your effort, our effort and the efforts of our associates are now individually and collectively directed."—Reuter.*

### TURKEY IS ALERT AND WATCHES NAZI MOVEMENT

ISTANBUL, Dec. 14.

News of Bulgaria's declaration of war against Britain and the United States had caused some anxiety in Turkey. Although the omission of the U. S. S.R. suggests that the move is mainly a gesture of solidarity with the Axis, the Turks are fully alive to the inherent dangers of the situation. Following their setbacks in Russia and Libya the Germans, it is felt may well seek some successes in another sphere. For this reason the Turks are watching the German movement in Bulgaria particularly closely.—Reuter.

TURKEY'S NEUTRALITY

LONDON, Dec. 12.

According to the "Daily Telegraph's" Ankara Correspondent, Turkey was slowly realising that there could no peace by compromise and that she herself might before long be entangled in the struggle. In the meantime, it is officially stated that Turkey will maintain neutrality in the United States-Japanese conflict.

## AZAD ON ASSAM RESIGNATIONS

### Ministerial Issue Before Congress Parliamentary Sub-Committee

CALCUTTA, Dec. 14.

Interviewed by the Associated Press for his comments on the latest developments in Assam Parliamentary politics, the Congress President, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, said:—

"Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, leader of the Congress Assembly Party, and Mr. Tayyebulla, President of the Assam Provincial Congress Committee, saw me recently in Calcutta and apprised me of the present situation in Assam. I cannot say anything until further details are available.

The whole matter is now under consideration of the All-India Parliamentary Sub-Committee."—A. P.

*In Libya*

## Allies Capture Chirba

### Closing In On Defensive Positions Near Gazala

LONDON, Dec. 14.

**THE CAPTURE OF CHIRBA, ONE OF THE POINTS HOLDING OUT AGAINST THE BRITISH ONSLAUGHT, IS CONFIRMED IN AUTHORITATIVE CIRCLES IN LONDON TO-DAY. HALFAYA AND BARDIA ARE STILL IN ENEMY HANDS.—REUTER.**

ALLIED TROOPS' PROGRESS

CAIRO, Dec. 14.

A 'communique' says: "Yesterday (Saturday) our main forces again made progress in the face of determined resistance by German and Italian troops holding rearguard positions south-west of Gazala. Our troops are also closing in on defensive positions covering Gazala itself.

ENEMY TANKS DESTROYED

Reports still incomplete show that yesterday a few Italian tanks were destroyed, while 18 guns and about 500 German and Italian prisoners were captured in north-west of Bir Hakeim. In addition, small batches of prisoners are still being rounded up in areas over which the tide of the main battle has now passed. Our Air Forces continue to bomb enemy motor transport columns, with special success on roads west and north-west of Gazala and west of Derna.

SICILY OBJECTIVES RAIDED

CAIRO:—Medium bombers in the Central Mediterranean, on Dec. 12, completed a 24-hour intensive offensive on targets in Sicily and the toe of Italy. Low level attacks were made on Catania harbour, with direct hits on 500 and 600 ton vessels. Blenheims attacked a munitions factory at Crotone, and a factory at Catanzoro. Heavy bombers attacked shipping at the Patras aerodrome at Pappos and the submarine base at Augusta.

An immediate award of 12 distinguished service orders, twelve M. C. and one bar to M. C., eight D. C. M. and 16 M. M. and one bar to M. M. for gallantry in the recent operations in the Western Desert is announced to-day (Saturday).

## Nazis Driven From Over 400 Towns & Villages

### Pursuit And Annihilation Continues

MOSCOW, December 14.

**THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN DRIVEN FROM OVER 400 TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN THE YELETS AREA, ABOUT 230 MILES SOUTH OF MOSCOW, ACCORDING TO "PRAVDA'S" CORRESPONDENT.**

The correspondent says that following the recapture of Yefremov and Livny, the Russians have continued "the pursuit and annihilation" of the enemy troops. These towns, whose recapture was officially announced last night, are respectively 40 miles north-west and 30 miles south-west of Yelets. Though offering fierce resistance the Germans have been forced to retreat before the Soviet onslaught, the correspondent says. When they dislodged the Germans from two large villages on Friday. Soviet Cavalry units "annihilated over two battalions of enemy infantry, smashed a formation of 200 trucks and 25 cars and captured important documents."

In particularly fierce fighting for another village, 14 guns and 30 trucks fell into the hands of the Russians.

### SEBASTOPOL SHELLED?

MOSCOW, Dec. 14.

The Soviet Communique states: During the night of December 13, our troops fought the enemy on all the fronts."

BERLIN:—Soviet forces before Sebastopol "attempted to advance against German positions", according to the German News Agency. The Agency claims they were repelled with heavy losses.

SEBASTOPOL SHELLED

BERLIN.—The East Front harbour of Sebastopol and military objectives in Leningrad were shelled, states a German communique.

ITALIAN BR. GEN. KILLED.

Rome radio announces that Brigadier-General Ugo de Carolis has been killed on the eastern front. The Rome radio added this is the sixth Italian general to fall since the beginning of the war.

## Question Of Violence Or Non-Violence Immaterial

### India Will Decide It, When It Crops Up, Says Jawaharlal

### "No Need To Be Panicky About Threatened Invasion Of India"

*ALLAHABAD, Dec. 14.*

*"AFTER 13 MONTHS SPENT IN ISOLATION, I HAVE NOW BEEN TRYING TO REGAIN MY CONTACT WITH PEOPLE AND TO ADJUST MYSELF TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FAST-CHANGING WORLD. WE SHOULD POOL AND EXCHANGE IDEAS".*

*Said Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru addressing a vast gathering of 20,000 people, this evening in Purshottamdas Park.*

"A momentous session of the Congress Working Committee is to be held shortly, and will give the Congress decision", continued Pandit Nehru.

"Whatever step we take should be concerted, firm, and in keeping with the dignity of our nationalism. If wrong we could mend, but it should certainly not lack full realisation of the situation and should not be halting or ignorant."

"The questions before us are very clear—namely, India's freedom and our attitude to this war. The problem of India's freedom is not only a national but a world problem. We cannot say it concerns Hindus or Muslims or any narrow group or body. The world is too much linked together, and makes the problem of the freedom of 400 million Indians a world problem. If we go down, the world goes down. Similarly with China. India and China together mean half the world and our freedom is of a piece with the entire picture of world war and world peace."

TRIBUTE TO MAHATMA

Characterising Mahatma Gandhi's way of conducting the Satyagraha movement as dignified, firm and wise, Pandit Nehru said that looking at fundamentals he could unhesitatingly say that what Gandhiji had done was for the world's good and India's good.

Proceeding, Panditji said:—

"The movement was not meant to fritter away national energy in fire works. It was meant to enter our protest against the treatment meted out to us and to make clear that we could fight only for our freedom. Gandhiji's leadership has made our position quite clear. The British Government or their representatives in India in their ignorance may make light of our movement, but I am sure that when the crisis comes we will show that we can take the big step. The release of political prisoners, had not changed the situation as far as the attitude of the British Government towards India was concerned. It remained the same. The detention of political prisoners without trial and indefinitely also made clear the British policy"

RELEASES OF PRISONERS IMMATERIAL

The policy of the British Government seemed to be to accentuate our differences and to divert our attention from the main issues. I have no quarrel with the British people, but we will have nothing to do with the British Government, whatever might happen to us. The releases also, of course, do not affect the Satyagraha movement, which is continuing in the usual way.

Pandit Nehru expressed his sympathy with China and Russia and condemned Hitlerism. He said that the German invasion of Russia with all the Nazi hordes was astonishingly sudden and treacherous.

"INVASION OF INDIA."

REFERRING TO THE POSSIBLE INVASION OF INDIA AND THE INDIANS' DUTY, PANDIT NEHRU SAID THERE WAS NO NEED TO BE PANICKY, AND AN EQUIVOCAL REPLY IN ADVANCE SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN BECAUSE THE REPLY WOULD DEPEND ON WHEN AND HOW THE DANGER CAME. "IF WE HAD OUR FREEDOM WE WOULD THINK OUT OUR PROBLEM. BUT ALL THAT WAS HAPPENING AT PRESENT WAS THAT WE ARE ASKED TO OBEY GOVERNMENT ORDERS LAVISHLY."

Referring to Mr. Rajagopalachari's Convocation address at Lucknow University, Pandit Nehru said that it would be wrong to make the world at large feel that at the moment the primary question before us was one of violence and non-violence.

FREEDOM, THE FIRST CONSIDERATION

THE ISSUE IS NOT WHETHER WE WILL RAISE ARMS FOR THE DEFENCE OF INDIA OR NOT. THE QUESTION OF NON-VIOLENCE IS NOT BEFORE US IN THIS FORM. WHEN IT DOES CROP UP WE WILL ANSWER IT. PANDIT NEHRU SAID THAT THE CONGRESS HAD NEVER DECIDED NOT TO KEEP A MILITARY OR POLICE FORCE. THE ISSUE BEFORE US WAS MUCH WIDER. INDIA'S FREEDOM WAS ONE OF PRIMARY CONCIDERATION.

Pandit Nehru praised Indian soldiers abroad. But he said the scheme of things which made war possible should be done away with because violence could never decide international issues. He said that he agreed completely with Gandhiji in the application of non-violence and complete disarmament to international problems.

Mr. Purshottamdas Tandon speaker, U. P. assembly, addressing the meeting raised a plea for helping Russia. In the very process of helping that country we would be building up our own strength he said. He added that it was essential that India should be able to sit on terms of equality with other nations and be represented by her own spokesmen at the peace conference. That would not be possible with a negative attitude towards the war. But, he added, if we had a hand in building up our military strength and in giving substantial aid to Russia in winning the war, the British Government would not be able to ignore us.

## Fr. Navy's Threat

### Sequel To Alleged Sinking Of "St. Denis"

BERNE, Dec. 14.

**THE "TRIBUNE DE GENEVE" REPORTS THAT THE PARIS PRESS CLAIM THAT VICHY MEASURES IN ORDER TO AVOID A REPETITION OF THE ALLEGED SINKING OF THE VICHY STEAMER "SAINT DENIS" BY A BRITISH SUBMARINE WILL CERTAINLY CONSIST OF "PROTECTION OF FRENCH MERCHANT SHIPS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BY THE FRENCH NAVY."—REUTER.**

## STOP PRESS

VICHY ON NAZI REPRISALS

VICHY, Dec. 14.

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**National Defence Council**
**will tell you**
AT THE
**FRAMJI CAMA HALL**
**(WELLINGTON CINEMA)**
**at 6-15 p.m. on**
**MONDAY, 15th DEC. 1941**

**SIR COWASJEE JEHANGIR will preside**

**Admission Free!**

**NOTICE.**

COMPOUNDERS, RADIOGRAPHERS and LABORATORY ASSISTANTS are required for service in the Army as Warrant Officers Class II in the Indian Medical Department. Candidates must have passed the Matriculation or an equivalent examination of a recognised Indian University. Preference will be given to those possessing previous training and experience in their special subject.

Pay will be Rs. 50—5—75 p.m. Candidates who are already in Government service may, however, draw the civil pay of their substantive civil appointment plus 25 per cent. of that pay as compensatory allowance while serving in India and 50 per cent. when serving overseas if more favourable.

Copies of application form and other particulars are obtainable from the Director-General, Indian Medical Service, New Delhi, or from the Civil Administrative Medical Officers of the Provinces.

DIRECTOR GENERAL, I.M.S.
6781

## Public Notices

**VICTORY FAIR, BIKANER.**

(With which will be combined INDUSTRIAL and AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITIONS).
From 5th to 19th March, 1942.

OFFERS unique opportunities to Businessmen, Traders, Manufacturers and Selling Agents to come into contact with the famous millionaires of Rajputana as well as the general public.

Sites for Stalls, Amusement Park, etc., will be allotted finally by the 15th January, 1942.

Detailed particulars may be obtained on application to—
THE SECRETARY,
Victory Fair, BIKANER.
6800

## G. I. P. RAILWAY
### Rates Circular

A NEW RATE CIRCULAR viz., Local Rate Advice No. 12 (Goods and Coaching) of 1941. is being issued TODAY.

Particulars may be obtained from the Chief Traffic Manager, Bombay or Stations. 685

## Legal Notices

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KARIM BAHADURKHAN MISTRY of Bombay Mahomedan inhabitant, has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

That any person or persons having any claim, right, title and interest in or to the said property by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, trust, lien, possession, maintenance, gift, inheritance, lease, easement or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 36, Tamarind Lane, Tamarind House, Fort, Bombay, within FOURTEEN DAYS from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece or parcel of freehold land being plot No. 20D together with the structures and tenements standing thereon and lying and being at Lady Jamsedji Road in the City and Island and Sub-Registration district of Bombay, containing on actual measurement 506.11 sq. yds. or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 135 part, C.S. No. 2|753 of Mahim Division and in the books of the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under G Ward No. 5698(2), Street 174A and bounded as follows, that is to say, on or towards the East by Municipal plot No. 20A and bearing C. S. No. 3|753 of Mahim Division, on or towards the West by Lady Jamsedji Road, on or towards the North by property bearing C. S. No. 754 of Mahim Division, on or towards the south by Municipal plot No. 20, bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1|753 of Mahim Division.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1941.

GHULAMALI NOORANI & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(6810)

## Legal Notices

**NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BAI BIJILIBAI KESHRINATH PHATARPHEKAR, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Alli Chambers, Dean Lane, Fort, Bombay, within FOURTEEN DAYS from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece or parcel of freehold land or ground with the messuages tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at Khotachi Wadi, Girgaum, Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 277 sq. yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 765, New No. 3413, Old Survey No. 565, New Survey No. 7657 and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1308 of Girgaum Division and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward No. 1112 and Street No. 59 New No. 12 and bounded as follows:—That is to say, on or towards the East by a Public passage, on or towards the West by the property of Krishnarao Khanderao and on, or towards the North by the property of Khanderao Harischandra and on or towards the South by a passage.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1941.

CHANDRASEN & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(6808)

**NOTICE.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that FAZAL DOST MAHOMED ALLANA, KULSUMBAI, widow of Ismail Gulamhusein Allana, FAZAL DOST MAHOMED ALLANA and JUSAB GULAMHUSEIN ALLANA, the last three executors of the Will of ISMAIL GULAMHUSEIN ALLANA, and YUSUF GULAMHUSEIN ALLANA, all of Bombay Mahomedan Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property described in the Schedule to our client free from all incumbrances, claims and demands.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, exchange, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, possession, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:—

ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground of the Fazandari tenure containing by admeasurement 2,300 square yards or thereabouts (actual area to be ascertained by a joint survey) and forming part of a bigger piece or parcel of Fazandari land or ground, containing by admeasurement 3097 square yards or thereabouts and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 572, New No. D|2718, Old Survey No. 21 and New Survey No. 1A|7255 and Cadastral Survey No. 186 of Malabar and Cumballa Hill Division together with the messuage, tenement or building standing thereon assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under D Ward No. 3145(1), Street No. 23C and situate at Doongersey Road, Walkeshwar in Bombay in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay and bounded, on or towards the East by the property of Gangadas Vijbhukhandas, on or towards the West by Doongersey Road, on or towards the North by the property of Meghji Sojpal and others and on or towards the South by the charitable property belonging to Shenoy Brahmins.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1941.

AMARCHAND & MANGALDAS,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(6811)

## Auction Sales

### MENESSE & CO.

AT 2 P.M. (S.T.) ON MONDAY the 15th December, 1941
AUCTION SALE OF ARMS & AMMUNITIONS SUCH AS GUNS, DAGGERS, CARTRIDGES, ETC.
AT 2-15 p.m. (S.T.)

Wines & Spirits, cigarettes: wearing apparel, Art-silk piece-goods, etc. and enemy goods:—cotton woven labels, printing blocks, medicines, parts of machinery, photographic appliances, etc.

In accordance with Section 167 and 88 of the Sea Customs Act 8 of 1878 and under instructions from the Collector of Customs, Bombay Messrs. Menesse & Co., will sell by Public Auction on MONDAY, the 15th December 1941, at the abovementioned time at the New Customs House, Ballard Road the abovementioned unclaimed and confiscated goods belonging to the Government Customs Department.

MENESSE & CO.

## Legal Notices

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. JETHABHAI HIRJI, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell to our client the undermentioned property.

All persons having any claim, interest or demand whatsoever against in or upon the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, share, possession, lease, incumbrances, lien, charge, maintenance, easement, coparcenery rights or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to give notice thereof in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 65, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, failing which the said sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim, interest or demand howsoever and the same, if any, will be treated and considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece or parcel of land or ground, situate at Sewri-Vadala (North) Estate of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay and bearing Plot No. 37 of Scheme No. 57 of the said Corporation together with the building standing thereon and admeasuring 734 Square Yards or thereabouts and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 595 of Matunga Division and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the West by 50 feet proposed Road, on or towards the North by Plot No. 36 of the said Scheme, on or towards the East by Plot No. 58 of the said Scheme and on or towards the South by Plot No. 38 of the said scheme.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1941.

MOHILE PAREKH,
& MANECKLAL,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(6820)

## Auction Sales

### GANDHI & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF ABOUT 30 DOZ. LOOM SHUTTLES.

Messrs. GANDHI & CO., Auctioneers will under instructions from Messrs. Mansukhlal Hiralal & Co., Attorneys for Messrs. Ishwardas Jagmohandas & Co., and on a|c and at the risk of the defaulting purchasers Messrs. Tulsidas & Co., sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY, the 16th December, 1941, at 2-30 P.M. (S.T.) at their Rooms No. 72, Medows Street, Fort.

About 80 doz. Loom Shuttles of different sizes and types shop-soiled.

Terms—25 p.c. deposit and delivery within 2 days.

AUCTION SALE OF ALL FURNITURE, TYPEWRITERS, ETC., OF THE BENTFORD COLLEGE OF COMMERCE.

Messrs. GANDHI & CO., Auctioneers will sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY, the 16th December, 1941, at 12 Noon (S.T.) at First Floor of the National Insurance Building at Hornby Road, Fort, by order of Sha Kundanmal Walchand & Co., the Mortgagees and on account and at the risk of Mr. Joseph Francis Bow, the Mortgagor:—

All furniture including chairs, tables, cupboards, glass partitions, book cases, shelves, benches, Remington Typewriters, etc.

Terms:—Cash and immediate delivery.

GANDHI & CO.

### BENNETT & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF 27 BALES BUKHEDI A. R. COTTON.

Under instructions from the Insurance Co. concerned Messrs. BENNETT & CO. will sell by public auction on FRIDAY, the 19th December, 1941, at 2-15 p.m. (S. T.), the undermentioned lying in Messrs. Ralli Bros. godown No. H. 126 at Sewree Cotton Depot.

25 Bales Bukhedi A. R. Cotton (country damaged).

2 Bales Bukhedi A. R. Cotton (fire damaged).

Terms—25 per cent deposit.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY AT JACKERIA MASJID STREET.

Under instructions from Messrs. Little & Co., Attorneys for Bai Aishabai, daughter of Haji Ebrahim Abdul Satar Soab, Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by public auction TO-DAY MONDAY, the 15th December, 1941, at 4 P.M. (S. T.), the undermentioned at the premises.

All that piece of land partly of pension and tax and partly of quit and ground rent tenure admeasuring about 204 sq. yds. with dwelling house standing thereon situate at Jackeria Masjid St. bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1116 of Mandvi Division, Municipal B Ward No. 2144 St. 127 and bounded on the North by the property of Hasan Haji Tarmohomed Patel, on the South by the property of Haji Mohemed Haji Jusuf Sidick, on the West by Jackeria Masjid St., and on the East by sweepers passage.

For further particulars and condition of sale apply to the abovementioned Solicitors or the undersigned

BENNETT & CO.

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**Commencing pay Rs. 61/- per month approx. plus free food, clothing and accommodation.**

**INITIAL TERMS OF SERVICE** — Duration of War and up to 12 months thereafter subject to proviso that individual's services are so long required.

All candidates must be prepared to serve overseas if required to do so.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

Age 17½ to 41 years. Physically fit.

Matriculates or men up to Matriculate Standard.

Able to read English and write it legibly.

Previous office experience and ability to use a typewriter desirable.

**APPLY NEAREST:**

Technical Recruiting Office, Staunton Road, POONA.
" " " Esplanade Maidan. BOMBAY.
" " " MHOW, C. I.
(6587)

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TO-DAY & TO-MORROW
6-30 p.m. only.
WED. & THURS. 2 Shows, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
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UDAY SHANKAR INDIA
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Prices: Rs. 10, 7, 5-12, 4-8, 3-6, 2-4 and Gallery Re. 1-2
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THE HEROIC TALE OF A FRAIL GIRL!
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PRABHAT'S DRAMA OF FAITH ATTRACTING CROWDS
12th Week
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IT'S A FLAME WITH THE FIRE OF LIFE!
NAVYUG'S Tale of Love-Life
Sangam
A 'WINAYAK' PRODUCTION
MARATHI: 4, 10 p.m. HINDI: 7 p.m.
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MEET THIS
BRAVE MAN
WHO HAD A CHILD'S HEART!
SUDARSHAN PICTURES' SOUL STIRRING HIT
SAJJAN
Starring:—
JAGDISH, HUSNA BANO, SATISH, URMILA GOPE, DAVID, AGA
Direction: MR. KHOSLA
LAMINGTON
Time: 4, 7 & 10 p.m.

The Picture for Students!
"The latest turn in the popularity of 'Sikandar' is that it has caught the fancy of the student population of Bombay."
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MINERVA'S POPULAR HISTORICAL
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15th BIG WEEK 15th
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To-day—Shows Nos. 314, 315 & 316
Daily 3 Shows,—4, 7, and 10 P.M.
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NEW EMPIRE
4, 6-30 & 10 p.m.
Arthur ASKEY
and
Richard MURDOCH
in the famous comedy riot
The GHOST TRAIN GHOST TRAIN
a non-stop run of Laughs

WHAT YOU WILL HEAR ABOUT EVERY WISE PERSON FROM NEXT SATURDAY
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GOING FIRST-RUN

2nd VICTORY WEEK!
REGAL at 4, 6-30 & 10 p.m.
MOON OVER MIAMI IN TECHNICOLOR!
8 GRAND SONGS!
Also "WAR IN THE PACIFIC"
FREE LIST SUSPENDED.

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Daily 4, 7 & 10
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NAI-ROSHNI
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Going Stronger Every Week!
Gharki Laj
Daily: 4, 7, 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL

WHO WAS HER LOVER?

Striking Resemblance In Pyare & Mansukh Makes Kumud confused and she asks who is her lover?
RANJIT'S Hilarious Hit
DHANDORA
Draws packed houses
Directed by CHARLIE
CAST:
CHARLIE, DIXIT, SHAMIM HUSNA BANU, E. BILLIMORIA
Daily at 4, 7, 10 P.M.
OPERA HOUSE


# BOMBAY & SUBURBS

## LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS To-day

Hindu: Magsar Vad 12, 1998.
Muslim: Jilkad 25, 1360.
Parsi: Tir 12, 1311.
Municipal Corporation 3 p. m. (B.T.).

DASTURJI BODE'S LECTURE—Dasturji Framroze A. Bode will deliver a lecture on "The Life of Jesus the Christ from eastern sources" at the Mazdaznan Hall, Industrial Assurance Building, opposite Churchgate Station, to-day (Monday) at 6-15 p. m. (S. T.).

B. P. MUSLIM STUDENTS' FEDERATION—Those members of the Bombay Provincial Muslim Students' Federation who are desirous of being selected delegates to the forthcoming 5th annual session of the All-India Muslim Students' Federation, to be held at Nagpur, are requested to send in their names to Mr. Habib F. Merchant, Organising Secretary, by the 20th instant.

THE UNIVERSITY POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, BOMBAY—A clinical and social meeting of the Association will be held at 4 p. m. (S. T.) today (Monday) at the rooms of the Bombay Obstetric and Gynaecological Society, Empire Automobile Buildings, Queen's Road, opposite Charni Road Station, when Dr. J. N. Karande will read a paper on Angular pregnancy and Dr. S. Patrao will present two interesting cases of Ankylosis of the jaw.

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC UNION—The last meeting of the Reception Committee of the Bombay Presidency Conference of the National Democratic Union to receive report and the statements of account will be held to-day (Monday) at 6-30 p. m. (S.T.) in the Union's Office, Mehta House Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay.

After the meeting of the Reception Committee the General Executive Committee of the Bombay Presidency National Democratic Union will meet at the same place to discuss the recent developments in the war situation.

IN AID OF THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS FOR WOMEN—Under the auspices of the Manila Seva Mandal (Women's Branch of the Social Service League, Bombay) a cinema show exhibiting the well-known popular Prabhat film "Manus" will be given at the Plaza Theatre, Dadar, to-day (Monday) at 1 p. m. (S. T.). Admission will be at the rates of annas four and eight only. The proceeds of the show will be used for the benefit of the Industrial Schools for Women conducted by the Mandal in the city and suburbs of Bombay. These schools are open to women of all castes and creeds and at present over 500 women are taking advantage of these schools.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS
Lt.-Col. Sir Kerr and Lady Fraser-Tytler arrived at Government House on Sunday.

BEVIN BOYS FROM BOMBAY
The following fourteen candidates from Bombay Province have been found suitable by the National Service Labour Tribunal Bombay, for training in the United Kingdom under the Revin Training Scheme: Messrs. M. S Mallaraj Urs, Nil Mani Chatterjee, V. S. Pandit, R. S. Parihar, V. B. Khanse, G. N. Nuggehalli, D. V. Shinde, H. G. Deshpande, Mohammad Shafi, B. C. Shaikh, M. J. Billimoria, E. S. Cooper, P. K. V. Kukde and G. D'Souza.
Of this number seven candidates will be finally selected by the Government of India, Department of Labour, for inclusion in the fourth batch of "Bevin Boys."

## BAN ON MAHASABHA TO BE DEFIED?

BOMBAY, Dec. 13.
That inspite of the Government ban the forthcoming session of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha will be held at Bhagalpur positively appears to be certain.
Pandit Bharat Misra, General Secretary of the Bihar Provincial Hindu Sabha, who was deputed by the Bihar Hindu Sabhaites to discuss the advisability of changing the venue of the session, had prolonged interview with Mr. V. D. Savarkar, who told Pandit Misra about the above decision.—United Press.


MAJESTIC
DAILY: 4, 7, 10 P.M.
'ROYAL'—JEWEL No. 16
"SWAMI"
3rd MONTH

## AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

CAPITOL—"Mr. and Mrs. Smith". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Moon Over Miami". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Dive Bomber". Daily at 3-15, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—Uday Shanker. To-day 10 p. m. only.
NEW EMPIRE—"The Ghost Train". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
SUPER—"Circus Queen". Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Nai-Roshni". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Anjan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
WEST END—"Sangam". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Sikandar". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Khazanchi". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Gharki Laj". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Dhandora". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Sant Sakhu". Daily at 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Sajjan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Swami" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Himmat" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p. m.
EDWARD—"The Birth of a Baby". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
HIND-MATA—"Bandhan". Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.
PALACE—"The Great Lie." Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Ummed". Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
KOHINOOR—'Payachi Dasi". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.

## BOMBAY WAR GIFTS FUND

Amount previously acknowledged: Rs. 74,54,004/12/3.
For the R.A.F.: Rs. 2,982 the members of the Cricket Club of India, Ltd., for the months of April to September, 1941.
For Lady Lumley's Hospitality to Troops Fund: Rs. 550 "A gift for traditional Indian hospitality from an anonymous donor."
Grand Total of Saturday: Rs. 74,60,766-0-3

## Bombay's Air Raid Warning

Bombay's Air Raid Warning System is tested at 9 o'clock each Monday morning. First the "All Clear" signal is sounded. Then follows the air raid warning and after that the "All Clear" again.

## Commercial Broadcast Receiver Licence

With reference to the paragraph published in "The Chronicle" of November 24, 1941, it was through inadvertence stated that the rules in connection with the above licence would come into force from January 1, 1943, while as a matter of fact they come into force from January 1, 1942.

## CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY'S PLAN FOR SUBURB

A Suburban Sub-Committee of the following members with Mr. Madhavlal M. Bhatt as its Chairman has been formed to assist the Children's Aid Society in the benevolent work that it has been doing:—
Mr. M. M. Bhatt (Chairman), Rao Saheb T. P. Jetli, Dist. Dy. Collector, B.S.D., Mr. B. M. Bhargava, Rao Bahadur R. N. Tawade, Mr. M. B. K. Dave, Resident Magistrate, Kurla, Mrs. Leo Rodrigues, Mr. Mahomed Taher, Mr. R. G. Nayak, Mr. R. M. Hathi, Dr. D. F. Sunavala, Mr. R. D. Modi, City Magistrate, Bandra, Mr. Dwarkadas Tribhuvandas, Mrs. Tarabai M. Premchand, Mrs. Lilavati K. Munshi, Mr. Jabir A. Ali, Mr. H. B. Kidd, District Superintendent of Police, Khan Saheb Syed Ahmed Kadri and Representatives of Bandra Municipality, Kurla Municipality, Vile Parle Municipality and District Local Board, Bombay Suburban District.
The Committee considered the steps to be taken to popularise the work of the Society in Suburbs on an increased scale, and to start with the Committee has decided to arrange to establish a Remand Home for about 50 children from the Suburban District. Messrs. Bhargava, D'mello and Mahomed Taher are taking keen interest in the scheme with a view to see it through as early as possible.

# On The Air

## MONDAY, DEC. 15.

### Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)
4-30 p.m. For Indian troops in the Far East. 5 Delhi Radio Orchestra. 5-10 Barkat Ali Khan. 5-30 Alap Puria. 5-40 Benazirbai. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Special announcements. 6-15 Abdullah. 6-30 Warriors of Legend. 6. 6-45 For villagers only. 7-45 It has happened. 7-50 Tilak Kamod. 8 Idanbai. 8-15 Poetry and the crisis. 8-30 Nasir Khan. 8-45 Benazirbai. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Dhani Ram. 9-55 Listening post. 10 Do geet. 10-15 Barkat Ali Khan. 10-30 Nasir Khan.

### Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
8 a.m Violin recital. 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-25 Master Dinanath. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Allah Rakha. 9-25 J. P. Mohile. 9-30 Girijabai Kelekar. 9-50 Air Quartet. 12-30 p.m. Bhajans. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Instrumental melodies. 1-10 Gujarati garbas. 1-20 Duets. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 5 Tomorrow. 5-5 Ratnaprabha Vaidya. 5-15 Punaragaman. 5-35 J. P. Mohile. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 Marathi pad. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Kharadkar. 6-20 Local news and announcements. 6-25 Local news and announcements. 6-30 Nana Ani Mani. 7 Berlin-na-samachar. 7-15 Ratnaprabha Vaidya. 7-25 Hamid Husain. 7-35 Teen Tarane. 7-45 News commentary. 7-50 Air Chorus party. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 Sports review. 8-45 Radio Reconnaissance. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 War commentary. 9-55 Listening post. 10 Gujarati geet. 10-10 Bhajan. 10-20 Ghazal. 10-30 Khayal.

### Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)
8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Marathi pad. 8-15 Instrumental music. 8-25 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Shripati B. Shastri. 9-10 to 10 As in Bombay 1.
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)
12-30 to 2-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1.
61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)
5 to 5-40 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 5-40 Hanif Khumar. 5-50 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 Mirabai Bhajan. 6-10 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.
89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)
7-30 p.m. Commercial news. 8 Dinanath. 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Air Orchestra. 9-10 Girijabai Kelekar. 9-30 Winifred May. 9-40 Sebastian Vaz and his Dance Band.


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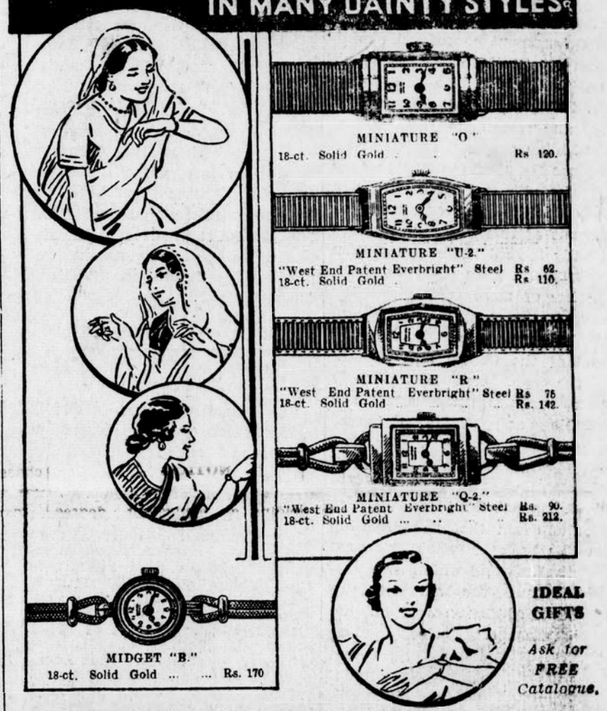
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# POONA OFFER AGAIN

For weeks after his release Mr. C. Rajagopalachari imposed upon himself strict silence on political matters. But now that the entire Congress policy is to be revived at the next meetings of the Working Committee and the A.I.C.C. he has found it necessary to discuss some of its general principles. That he should have done so in the convocation address of the Lucknow University, rather than at a political meeting or in a press interview, shows perhaps his desire to emphasise the point that University students, the citizens and leaders of to-morrow, ought to study the general principles of current politics. The gist of his speech is, like that of the recent statements of Pandit Jawaharlal, that sublime as is the principle of non-violence, it has its limitations in the present-day political affairs and that, in spite of it, Congress can help in war effort for national defence provided Government concede its minimum constitutional demands. Putting the position in a general way Mr. Rajagopalachari says: "The just and reasonable demand of the Indian people is that the Governance of India should be fully transferred now, during this war, and, indeed, more especially on account of this war, to a provisionally formed National Coalition Government. Even from the point of view of mere efficiency, the present unconstitutional and wholly undemocratic arrangement of the Centre and in most of the provinces is a fatally weak arrangement, and will crumble at the onslaught of real danger." Transfer of real power to the people is the sovereign need of the hour and Mr. Rajagopalachari does well to warn Britain that "on anything but this basis" Britain "cannot get the free and willing co-operation of India, the India either of the National Congress or of the Muslim League." On any other basis, Britain "can only coerce and exploit, it cannot get co-operation." There is little doubt that this view will be unequivocally endorsed by the A.I.C.C. Mr. Rajagopalachari is painfully aware of his difference with Gandhiji in this matter of conditional co-operation in war effort, as the latter will discountenance such co-operation in any circumstances. But he says: "Many are the ties that bind me to him, and it is not a pleasure to discover a difference and recognise it, as leading to a parting of ways. But prayerfully and in all humility, must we face such a recognition, if it must come." One need not be too sure of Gandhiji's attitude in the event of Government conceding Congress demands. There is every possibility of his being content, for the time being, with the right of preaching pacifism even during the war.

## *Basis Of Negotiation*

The main question now is what precisely will be the minimum demands of the Congress and whether Government will accept them Mr. Rajagopalachari seems determined to hark back to the Poona offer. But Pandit Jawaharlal seems disposed to put the demand higher. The "National Herald", which usually expresses his views, says: "It is amazing that there are some who are still thinking in terms of the Poona offer, which is now an exploded myth." The offer was exploded because Government rejected it. But those who made it have not so far changed their views as to regard it as irrevocable. The best way out of the difficulty is for the A.I.C.C. to revive the offer to the extent of making it a basis for negotiations and agree to negotiations only on that basis. Pandit Jawaharlal will necessarily be among those who will carry on the negotiations or give the final decision thereon. As regards Government, one can only hope that before it is too late they will abandon the impossible attitude indicated by Mr. Amery's latest dictum that "no change is involved in the declared policy of Government regarding the future constitutional advance.

## *Need For Communal Unity*

The country can certainly achieve more than the terms of the Poona offer if the Congress arrives at a complete settlement with the Muslim League. And without a substantial measure of communal unity even the Poona offer may not be irresistible. In his final appeal to the Lucknow University students Mr. Rajagopalachari rightly observed: "Lucknow is one of the pre-eminently historic cities of India. It has long been the fostering centre of great culture. But Lucknow's best luck is perhaps its association with Indian national unity in our own times. May it contribute once again to a further consolidation of Indian unity. I appeal to you specially at this convocation, young men and women of Lucknow, that you should make Indian unity your special mission." We earnestly hope all patriotic men, old and young, will strive their utmost to ensure national unity. But leaders like Mr. Rajagopalachari can do great things in this direction if they abjure the policy of drift and waiting indefinitely for a more favourable opportunity to bring about communal unity and set the right example to the people by concerting necessary measures to hasten the attainment of that unity.

# Fighting Back

The Democratic powers are beginning to fight back in the Pacific, but it will take some time to wipe out the initial advantage gained by Japan. Reinforcements are on their way to the Royal Air Force in Malaya. The situation in that sector is still a little obscure though it is admitted that some withdrawal of the British forces in the Kedah area in north-west Malaya has taken place. This is, however, no more than a minor local engagement and as yet there is no evidence of any substantial advance made by the enemy. Penang and Singapore have both been heavily bombed, no doubt, but the R.A.F. has been taking a pretty heavy toll of Japanese aircraft. Rangoon was threatened with an attack but the enemy bombers turned tail when British fighters went up to intercept them. Indeed, it is becoming more and more evident that so long as Singapore holds out, Japan can start no large-scale land, air or naval offensive against Burma, though occasional sporadic air-raids may be indulged in for their nuisance value.

In the Philippines, Luzon is still being stubbornly defended and hundreds of Japanese parachutists and land troops were wiped out in several hours' hand-to-hand fighting with Filipino soldiers in the mountains. Guam, however, is isolated and may be taken to have been lost. The small force of about 500 naval personnel could not be expected to stand such heavy naval and air attack much longer. Wake and Midway Islands are still resisting and, if reinforcements can reach them soon, they can be saved. As many as twenty Japanese aeroplanes are stated to have been shot over Hawaii but the Washington official 'communique' is significant: "American pilots were outnumbered at all times and found the opponents decidedly clever and dangerous fliers." This shows that Japan is concentrating air attacks on the American Pacific bases, hoping for speedy victory before sufficient reinforcements can reach them. It should also serve to discount the complacent tendency to underrate the striking power of Japanese air force and the efficiency of its personnel. It is fatal to base one's estimates of the enemy's strength on one's prejudices. In the meanwhile, it is gratifying that U. S. A. bombers have been active and have already sunk four Japanese troopships and damaged three others.

# In Defence Of School Of Art

(By K. K. HEBBAR)

Of late it has become a fashion with a certain section of Bombay artists to sling mud in season and out of season at the only fully equipped Art-School in the country which has been endeavouring for the last 80 years to impart art-training to Indian students. The saddest part of this undeserved vilification is that some of the alumni of the very school, especially, those who have had a brief sojourn in Europe, have begun to assume superior airs not always justified by their artistic attainments, and have joined in the chorus of condemnation. An artist should shine with his brush and not with his pen, and when he attempts the latter, and that in an unworthy attack upon the institution which nourished him in his infancy as an artist, the dark picture which he draws, fails to convince any fair-minded reader who happens to know the pioneering work and noble achievements of the Bombay school of art.

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And pray, what are the points raised to justify a one-colour tirade against the school? Poems of praise are sung about the Indian villages. But if the students do not turn in their post-school career to this source for inspiration it is certainly not the fault of the school. It is well-known that both the Western and the Indian styles of art are taught at the institution with specialist as teachers for each; moreover in teaching Indian art to the higher classes, an attempt is made also to create the atmosphere of oriental simplicity and Indian rural life. Most of the students, however, the critics, whose one aim in life seems to be to go on a pilgrimage to Europe for the glamour attached to a foreign-returned man, refuse to take advantage of the Indian section but insist upon the Western style, and the school cannot force the Indian style on such unwilling students.

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The writer, too, was a student of the J. J. School of Art, and he remembers numerous occasions when the teachers especially the present head of the institution, used to emphasise that Indian students should not be pale imitators of the West, but should utilise the training they receive to modernise Indian Art and to turn to purely Indian sources of inspiration for expressing their talents. If in spite of the opportunity which the school gives for the study of Indian arts, Syt. Chavda failed to be "an artist good enough to capture the gorgeous panorama of his country's life upon the canvas", it is obvious where the blame lies.

Besides, he says that he did learn "the art of his country and to be an artist, good enough to capture,"...etc., "but not in the school, where he had gone in fond hopes". May one humbly ask where then he learnt it if not in his school? In Europe? In the Royal Academy of England? In the Louvre of Paris? Or in the Art Galleries of Italy? Or perhaps in the fields of Flanders, Or in the streets of Berlin? Or it may be, has he learnt it at all?

Capital is made out of the fact that Greece-Roman models are given to beginners to copy. A school of art has to cater to various tastes and fulfil many needs. It has also to look to the students' necessity to earn a livelihood in a country where money is unfortunately in the hands of the classes or communities with little art and no appreciation of it. The school cannot neglect commercial art, industrial art, Western or Indian art. It must provide adequate training in every branch and let the student make his free choice. The J. J. School of Art fulfils this function admirably.

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From the remark that, "No mass training would ever profit him or the country", appears that the critic would prefer the ancient Indian "Gurukul" system of education to the present schools and colleges. This is a condemnation of the entire educational system of the country rather than of the Bombay School of Art. Spread of democracy makes it imperative to give equal opportunity to every young man to study the branch of knowledge he values most. This can only be done in mass schools. And in spite of its many defects, the system has produced geniuses in the West and can do so in India. If, it has not created artists of international fame up till now it is partly because the student in India goes to the school more to get the stamp of proficiency rather than to acquire proficiency; and partly because the really creative artist is compelled to work for bread rather than spend his time in expressing his soul on the canvas. If he does attempt creative works, communal, sectarian and even provincial prejudices combine and conspire to crush him out of the public sight. All these, cannot be laid at the doors of the School of Art.

After condemning the so called imitation of Western masters the critic unconsciously betrays his idea of creative art by praising the efforts of some other provinces where Indian art consists in the slavish imitation of ancient Indian pictures and themes. Creative Indian art does not consist in the minute reproduction of not only the fine points but even the defects of old pictures or in the Pathetic rehash of subjects and themes such as some of the puranic episodes, which have been dealt with by a thousand artists through a thousand of years. Only that can be called creative Indian art, which can keep true to the main excellencies of the traditional Indian style, but which avoids its weaknesses. It is indeed, curious to learn that "individual creation" in the field of arts is not attempted by any artists, "with the exception of a few students from Gujerat" of whom obviously the critic is one. The main point is that whoever it may be, Gujeratis, Maharshtrians, or Karnatakees. If a few artists are seen who are nobly struggling to create something bearing the stamp of their originality, it will be found that in most of such cases the Bombay School of Arts has contributed largely in moulding their ideals and in training their brushes.

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I do not suggest in the least that the school of Art is a perfect insitution. If any one maintained that position it would be as absurd as is Syt. Chavda's position at least judging from his article that the school is rotten and deserves a thorough overhaul obviously under the supervision of reformers like himself or else scrapped altogether.

If a constructive criticism were offered giving due praise for the noble achievements of the institution and pointing out the defects to remedy, which I am sure the school authorities themselves are ever endeavouring, nobody would ever think of controverting the same, least of all a fellow artist.

There are far too many who feel grateful to the school, who are proud of the training in art, which they have received therefrom, and who will live and work for the noble ideals it has inculcated into them.

# Frankly Speaking

## Unified Command In Far East

The Chinese Government and people have reason to congratulate themselves on the turn of events in the Far East. At last their defensive war against Japan has become a part of the world-wide war against aggressor nations. At last the end of Japan as a military power is in sight and, with the ultimate victory of Democracy, China can look forward to regaining control of all her territories and securing peaceful conditions for her national reconstruction. Chungking is, therefore, naturally taking the lead in consolidating the ABCD Democratic Front in the Pacific. In a message to President Roosevelt, Marshal Chiang Kai Shek utters the stirring words: "To our now common battle we offer all we are and all we have to stand with you until the Pacific and the World is freed from the curse of brute force and endless perfidy." To give a practical shape to this sentiment, the Chinese Minister of Information, Wang Schihchich, has urged a compact military alliance between anti-aggression nations in the Pacific. He further advocated the setting up of a unified command among anti-aggressors for successful prosecution of the war in the Far East. This is a most sensible and practical suggestion and deserves the immediate attention of the British and American High Commands.

## Regrettable

It is disconcerting to learn that Mr. Chowdhary, a former Excise Minister of Bihar, has been sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment for re-offering Satyagraha. It would have been graceful if a Congress leader of his position had refrained from re-offering Satyagraha till the A.I.C.C. met and reviewed the whole policy of the Congress We cannot believe that he wished to sabotage any possible chance of a settlement emerging from this review. It would have been graceful, too, if the Bihar Government had refrained from arresting him as other Governments are doing. However, stray incidents like this, however regrettable, should not be allowed to interfere with the dispassionate review of the Congress policy at the A.I.C.C. meeting.

## Intriguing

As intriguing as the incarceration of Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose is that of Dr. Kalidas Nag, a well-known research scholar and a Professor of the Calcutta University. He has had the distinction of being invited to lecture in various Universities in the West. He has had nothing to do with politics. As his special subject is the ancient cultural contact of India with other countries, including Japan, and as he has been for several years Secretary of the Jayanti Committee of the Buddhist Mahabudhi Society, he may have come in contact with Japanese Buddhists. If that is the basis for suspicion against him, we fear that Government may have got panicky. And panicky measures do more harm than good. The police sometimes commit such blunders that we wonder if he has been mistaken for somebody else.

## Justice And Commonsense

In quashing the proceedings taken by the Punjab Government against Miss Bharucha under the Press Emergency Powers Act for distributing a poster containing the demands of the Deoli detenus the Lahore High Court has vindicated commonsense as well as justice. Government's charge was that the poster was an unauthorised news-sheet. But the Chief Justice remarked that if this poster was a news-sheet, then any poster could become a news-sheet if it announced that such and such a meeting would be held. If the Lahore Gymkhana announced through a poster that their meeting would be held on Saturday, would that, he asked, become a news-sheet! It will be good for Government to take a commonsense view of their enormous emergency powers.

## POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Baldness seldom becomes those who become bald.

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When jealousy gets busy love takes a vacation.

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Some men sit with their eyes closed rather than see a woman stand in a crowded tramcar.

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Some men are born great, but the majority don't even have greatness thrust upon them.

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Every man hugs the delusion that sooner or later he will invent something that will make him rich.

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No man on earth can love his neighbour as himself if he has a garden and the aforesaid neighbour keeps chickens.

## A. R. P. And The Congress

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Your to-day's comments on "A. R. P. and Congress" in your columns "Frankly Speaking" are as timely as they are apt and to the point.

To-day, inspired by the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi, the country shuns A. R. P—is, at least, indifferent to it.

But in case of an enemy attack from air, for about every ten persons killed by direct hit or blast, there can be about fifty killed for want of adequate A. R. P. equipment, personnel and training.

This is shocking but true, and for heaven's sake, let us not mince matters where safety of crores of our countrymen is concerned.

Will Mahatmaji enlightened us as to what behaviour on the part of a Congressman would be right in case of an actual air attack?

Would a Congressman be right to take spade and shovel in his hands and help the A. R. P. party to rescue his own children from under the debris? And if that would be right, would it also be right for him to do the same for the sake of his neighbour's children,—for the sake of anybody for the matter of that? And if it be right to do so when the blow has actually struck, why is it wrong to prepare for it in advance, to be ready to achieve the same purpose only more thoroughly and efficiently? A. R. P. is nothing but that kind of preparation.

Surely, there is some muddled thinking somewhere. But the issue is of life and death for millions, and muddled thinking will be a major national tragedy.

Will Pandit Jawaharlal give a lead to the nation in this matter which hangs heavily on the minds of many a puzzled Congressman? Yours, etc.,

PRO. A. R. P.

Dec. 12.

## *HOW RANGOON IS PROTECTED*

By An Observer in Burma

RANGOON (By Mail).

Created a year ago as part of the A.R.P. organisation, Burma's Observer Corps now rings the country with nearly 300 stations, each manned by men specially trained in the spotting and speedy reporting of potential air raiders.

This rapid development of the Corps—a highlight of our growing defences—and the work it is now carrying out were reviewed recently by the Officer Commanding (Major R.O. Taylor).

Addressing Burmese and other area commanders of the Corps at a special conference in Rangoon, he said that members of the Corps had carried out all the tasks set them in their first year of operation.

Of the many posts now manned, more than 24 were within a 50-mile radius of Rangoon. They gave a new and effective protection to the capital, as had been proved in special interceptional exercises carried out by the local R.A.F. bomber and fighter aircraft.

In the past year Burma's defence preparations had progressed by leaps and bounds. This and the new strength of the R.A.F. in Burma had led to considerable changes in the work and purpose of the Observer Corps.

The main change was that formerly the Corps had operated only to give warnings of possible air attacks to the civil authorities. Now it had swung from the passive role into active defence work. It was concentrating on perfecting its network of observer posts, and this would enable fighter aircraft to operate with more certainty and in greater concentration against possible raiders.

Big improvements had been achieved in reducing time delays in the receipt of messages reporting planes seen or heard by the observer posts. Now the average time for the transmission, through the Posts and Telegraphs, of reports from observer posts had been reduced to only .73 of a minute.

The result was that a more complete cover was being given to all frontiers and to all vital areas. Also more complete and quicker information could be supplied to the R.A.F.

At Rangoon alone up to 300 reports had been received in a single day from observer posts—an average of a message every 1 1/4 minutes.

Yet further improvements were being put in operation. These would include the establishment of duplicate report centres—centres which would become essential as further R.A.F. interceptor aerodromes were placed in operation throughout Burma—and the establishment of many more posts to close a few frontier and other areas that might be regarded as 'gaps' in the present chains of observer centres.

## RESPECT

*"To be capable of respect is, in these days, almost as rare as to be worthy of it".*

JOUBERT, *THOUGHTS*

# SARAT BOSE ARREST ECHO

## A. C. Dutt's Adjournment For Central Assembly

CALCUTTA, Dec. 14.

Mr. Akhil Chandra Dutt, Deputy President of the Central Assembly, has given notice of an adjournment motion regarding the arrest and detention of Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose.—United Press.

## IS IT MOVE AGAINST HUQ?

### "National Herald" On Bose's Arrest

(From Our Correspondent)

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 13.

Commenting on Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose's arrest, the "National Herald" says:

To recall the attention of those among Congress Parliamentarians, who had been fondly dreaming of going back to office, we would commend the case of Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, who was arrested as a Fifth Columnist of Japan. 'Fifth Columnist' is very much in vogue just now, like the latest fashion in Paris in the dark days before France's capital fell to the brutal Hun. It need not be proved that a person is guilty. It is enough if the Police suspect him. We had first the story of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose. His growing a beard, his running away in the uniform of a Japanese naval officer by ship to Tokio. Mr. Bose then travelled in bizarre sartorial accoutrements of a border woman.

The story of Mr. Sarat Bose is obviously of the same category. If he is really a 'Fifth Columnist', why was he not arrested long ago since every one knows Japan had been a good friend of Germany these two years? We have the shrewd suspicion that this lightning move on the part of New Delhi is intended to create difficulties in the way of Fazlul Haq taking into his Cabinet colleagues of his liking, some of whom are not known in the past to have been very enthusiastic supporters of war effort.

What part did the Bengal European community play in the Bose affair?

Mr. Jinnah is complaining that Mr. Haq has stabbed the Muslim League in the back. Mr. Haq might now complain with greater truth to have been struck in the back by the group of officials and politicians who give no respite to let him settle down to his work of administration.

## Progressive Group Red Cross Ball

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—With reference to the comment in Dim's Half Column on the Progressive Group Red Cross Ball, in fairness to Indian advertisers, I must correct an unfounded statement made by Dim.

A cursory glance at the programme clearly shows that the majority of advertisements were given in by Indian firms. Most of the donors too are Indians.

Yours, etc.

J. C. DARUVALA.

# TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

**INDORE, Dec. 13.**

**Presiding over the Central India Hindu Conference to-day Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, congratulated Mr. Fazlul Huq on forming a Coalition Ministry in Bengal. Referring to the Assam Ministerial Crisis he hoped that the new Ministry would protect Hindu rights and interests.**

**Mr. Fakruddin Banduqwala, President of the Indore Muslim League, was present on the dais by invitation.—A.P.**

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*The best, the most hopeful, the most cheering feature of our yesterday's Sunday edition was a picture of emptiness—rows upon rows of empty benches watching the opening match of the Pentangular!*

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**From now on we have decided to be very careful about whom we curse. The Pentangular was a deserving case but in a moment of righteous indignation we may land some innocent or near-innocent person or institution into serious trouble.**

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A British paper suggests the name of Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan as the Premier of India's first National Government.

Our confrere has no right to insult Sir Sikandar. The Punjab Knight, we are sure, will indignantly refuse to have anything to do with India's first National Government.

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**The Indian members of the Viceroy's Council must be a self-sacrificing lot because they are reported to be busy draf-ing a post-war constitution for a free India.**

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The Viceroy, it is reported, is planning a National Cabinet.

His Excellency is unnecessarily worrying himself. A National Cabinet won't have to be planned by a Viceroy!

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Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan, Leader of the Muslim League Party in the Madras Assembly, in the course of a statement says: "The Muslim League is stronger after the expulsion of Mr. Fazlul Huq and the Nawab Bahadur of Dacca who cared more for their personal pride and power than for the solidarity of the Muslim League."

We hope and pray that the Muslim League continues to grow stronger and stronger every day!

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**TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS**

(1) A. F. S. Talyarkhan has been invited by the Pentangular Committee to accept their presidentship.

(2) The All-India Radio, following the precedent of Imperial policy, has decided to suspend all sports commentaries until the Pentangularites and Anti-Pentangularites have adjusted their "communal" differences.

(3) **The Defence Council Members who have arrived in Bombay to study Bombay's defences will have lot of leisure to make speeches—defending themselves!**

(4) **The Home Secretary to the Bombay Government is arranging a A.R.P. Wardens' Guard-of-Honour for Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru when he arrives in the city.**

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An absent-minded professor met a friend in the street. After ten minutes' conversation they bade each other farewell.

"Just a minute," said the professor. "When I met you was I going up this street or coming down it?"

"You were coming down it," replied his friend.

"Ah," smiled the professor, "then I have had my lunch."

# A.-I. EDITORS' CONFERENCE

## Standing Committee To Meet At Calcutta

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13.

The Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference among other things will consider at its Calcutta Meeting the reports of the convener and Provincial Advisory Committees, the report of the Goodwill Mission to the United Provinces, press advising, censorship, operation of the Law of Contempt, paper supplies, and the formation of a Press Club of India.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Akbar Hydari will meet the members of the Standing Committee on December 18. Mr. Kirchner, Chief Press Adviser, and Mr. Griffith will also be present.

Members will be the guests at a lunch given by the "Ananda Bazar Patrika" on December 17 and by the "Statesman" on the following days and at tea on the 18th by the "Hindustan Standard". The meetings will be held in the office of the "Statesman".

Almost all the members except Mr. Devadas Gandhi, who is in jail, have signified their intention of attending the meeting.

Mr. J. N. Sahni, the convener, will be leaving Delhi for Calcutta on December 14 and the office of the Convener in Calcutta will be located in the office of the 'Hindu' 48, Old Court House Street.—A.P.

# End Deadlock In Provinces

## U. P. Non-Party Conference Demands Transfer Of All Portfolios In Viceroy's Council To Non-Official Indians

LUCKNOW, December 14.

**Resolutions demanding of the termination of the suspension of the constitution in the provinces, urging His Majesty's Government to make an unequivocal declaration that at the end of the war India would have the same freedom and equality of status as Great Britain and the Dominions; opining that all portfolios in the Governor-General's Executive Council including those of defence, finance, home and communications should be entrusted to non-official Indians who would for the interim period be responsible to the Crown; and that in the meanwhile the Government should deal with important matters on basis of joint and collective responsibility, were adopted by the first Non-Party Provincial Conference held here under the presidency of Raja Sir Maharaj Singh.**

The Subjects Committee of the Conference met to-day under the presidentship of Sir Maharaj Singh at the residence of Kunwar Sir Jagdish Prasad. It was attended by Sir Jagdish Prasad, Raja Maheshwar Dayal Seth and Lala Hariram. Mr. Hirdayanath Kunzru who arrived in the evening joined the deliberations later.

The following three draft resolutions were adopted by the Subjects Committee:—

(1) This Conference is strongly of the opinion that in the provinces the rule of Governors with the aid of Advisers under Section 93 of the Government of India Act of 1935 should cease.

(2) This Conference urges His Majesty's Government to make an unequivocal declaration that at the end of the war India will have the same freedom and equality of status as Great Britain and the Dominions.

(3) This Conference supports the resolutions of the Bombay and Poona non-Party Conferences that all portfolios in the Governor-General's Executive Council, including those of Defence, Finance, Home and Communications, should be entrusted to non-official Indians who would in the interim period be responsible to the Crown. The reconstructed Government should deal with important matters of policy on the basis of joint and collective responsibility.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

An appeal to the two great political parties, the Congress and the Muslim League, to meet each other in a spirit of accommodation and with the help of other important interests discover, if not a permanent at least a temporary solution of the Indian problem, at this the most critical period in the history of India and the world, was made by Raja Sir Maharaj Singh delivering his presidential address at the first Non-Party Provincial Conference this morning. That of itself would be a great step forward, he said.

THE EXPANDED COUNCIL.

Proceeding Sir Maharaj Singh said that not many months passed before it was announced that the Viceroy's Executive Council would be expanded giving for the first time in the history of British rule in India a majority of Indians in the Government of India. "In spite of the very regrettable fact that none of these Indians has so far been entrusted with the key posts of Defence and Finance, we must frankly recognise that there has been an appreciable advance on what previously existed and I trust that the All-India non-Party Conference will not be accused of undue boasting when it claims that its efforts contributed materially to this change".

IN PROVINCIAL SPHERE

Continuing the President observed: "We shall not be content until all portfolios in the Governor-General's Executive Council, including those of Defence, Finance and Home are entrusted to non-official Indians." He added that in the Provinces the rule of Governors with the aid of official advisers should be brought to a speedy end. They were not satisfied with a form of administration which took them back to the year 1860. No non-official, however capable, had at present any voice in determining the Provincial policy.

Sir Maharaj Singh admitted that the argument that the resignation of Congress Ministers was responsible for this predicament was not without force, and added: "We shall be glad indeed if Parliamentary Government is restored on a national and non-communal basis. If, however, it becomes clear after sincere efforts have been made that this is not possible, that is no reason why other parties and sections of Indian opinion should continue to be penalised, especially when in the face of similar objections the composition of the Governor-General's Executive Council has been changed. Is no there a 'via media' under which non-official Indians can be associated in the daily work of administration even under a suspended constitution, if in the Central Government there is now a newly constituted Executive Council?

INDIA'S SYMPATHY

Referring to the international situation Raja Sir Maharaj Singh said: "The recent unprovoked entry of Japan into the war zone has brought the scene of conflict nearer to India. We are within the danger zone and our country henceforward will be increasingly involved. East and West, North and South, the war has enveloped the whole world and no one can say when it will end. These facts render it all the more imperatively urgent in the best interests of the people and the Government that there should be a change without delay in the system of provincial administration. We wish to help the cause for which Great Britain, Russia and the United States are fighting. The Central and Provincial authorities must adopt a more realistic and more progressive policy in order to secure a fuller co-operation of the people in the prosecution of the war and the defence of India."

The President expressed the wish that Great Britain and her Allies will be able to defeat the forces of aggression in Europe, Africa, and the Far East, and concluded: "Our sympathies are with them in their titanic struggle."

RESOLUTIONS

Besides the above draft resolutions the following resolutions were adopted by the conference:—"This Conference notes with appreciation that as a result of the reconstructed Executive Council of the Governor-General there has been a change in the policy of Government towards political prisoners, a number of whom have already been released. It notes also with pleasure that a new attitude has been adopted towards the problem of Indians overseas. The Conference trusts that these steps will be followed by further measures necessary to bridge the gulf between the Government and the people.

EXCLUSION FROM CHARTER

"This Conference strongly disapproves the exclusion of India from the scope of the Atlantic Charter and protests against the attitude of the British Government towards Indian political aspirations as implied in Mr. Churchill's speech."

## "PUNARJANMAM" WELL RECEIVED

The amateurs of the South Indian Association fully deserved the encores which greeted them when they rendered "Punarjanmam" in Tamil at the Damodar Thackersey Hall on Saturday night. Many who have been tragic failures at the race-course would have certified the play as a realistic rendering of the "get-rich-quick" mania which has broken many a peaceful home. Shankar Raman, who wrote the play, himself appeared in the leading role and as Narayan was a great success. Shankar as Nathan displayed originality and skill, while Babu as Kamala retain his reputation. The other characters harmonised well and on the whole "Punarjanmam" was a stage success, in spite of the fact that many of the actors in star roles were new-comers.

# Burma Rice Control Ordinance: Lahore Requisitions Wheat Stocks

## Drug Control Move In India: Colombo Cuts Down Petrol Coupons

RANGOON, Dec. 10 (delayed).

**H. E. the Governor of Burma has promulgated the Rice Control Ordinance.**

**Announcing the decision of the Governor, a Press Communique states that, within the framework of this Ordinance, it is proposed to establish the scheme of control which was evolved after the most careful consideration of the matter by the Government.**

"While it is essential" the Communique adds, "that the control should be in a position to meet and cope with any situation that may arise out of it, the Government desire that there should be as little interference with trade as possible."

According to the Communique, the control will be administered by a Board, consisting of the Premier, Ministers for Commerce, Revenue and Finance and certain Government officials.

The Ordinance provides that during the year no rice or rice products or paddy may be exported from British Burma except by or under the authority of the Government. For the consuming markets, where the Government are the sole importer, the controlling authorities will buy rice in open markets from approved sellers and sell them direct to the Government concerned. The sales from all other markets will be made by the controlling authorities to the exporters in Burma. —A. P.

### Lahore Requisitions Wheat Stocks

LAHORE, Dec. 14.

In pursuance of the announcement made by the District Magistrate of Lahore on Friday evening that Government were making arrangements to import wheat into Lahore from the Provincial grain markets to allay any possible anxiety on the part of the inhabitants of the city, it is learnt that Government have requisitioned stocks of wheat and wheat flour in Okara, Gujranwala, Sargodha and other Provincial markets. These stocks are expected to be received in Lahore to-morrow and will be available to the public at the rates recently fixed by the District Magistrate, namely Rs. 4/12 for wheat and Rs. 5 for wheat flour.

WARNING TO TRADERS.

A warning to wheat dealers not to enter into transactions for future delivery at prices above the spot price fixed by Government is contained in a Press Communique issued by the Punjab Government this afternoon.—A. P.

# CENT PERCENT ISLAMIC PLAN

## Constructive Work Before Muslims For Jinnah's Birthday

The Hon. Secretary, B. P. Muslim League writes:—

All the Districts and Primary Muslim Leagues in the Bombay Province are hereby informed that 25th of December is the birthday of Qaid-e-Azam, Mohamed Ali Jinnah and it is proposed to celebrate 25th of December 1941 as the "Jinnah Day" by holding public meetings, explaining the policy (including the Pakistan Scheme) aims and objects of the Muslim League to the Muslim public and also explain and carry out the constructive programme enclosed with this circular.

LEAGUE CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAMME.

The following constructive programme was passed in the meeting of the Council of the All-India Muslim League held on the 23rd of February, 1941, at Delhi under the Presidentship of Mr. M. A. Jinnah:—

That the cottage industries should be promoted and encouraged and stores should be established at Central places on co operative basis.

That the Muslim should use Garba made by Mussalmans on all occasions of festivity and mourning, so that due impetus may be given to the Garha manufacture.

That night schools should be opened in order to spread adult education.

That un-Islamic ceremonies should be given up and discouraged.

That no loans on interest be taken for marriage and funeral ceremonies.

That the use of intoxicants and gambling should be checked.

That the true spirit of brotherhood, based on the Islamic conception of equality and fraternity should be infused among those Muslims, who have adopted the un-Islamic view of caste based on profession, and occupation.

That Panchayats should be established, in order to settle ordinary disputes so that people may not suffer unnecessary monetary loss by going to law-courts.

That Muslims should be persuaded to take to commerce and industry.

That full interest should be taken in all the schemes of rural uplift and progress.

# 'NATIONAL HERALD' DEFAMATION CASE

## Magistrate Rejects Appeal: Plea To Move Chief Court For Transfer

LUCKNOW, Dec. 13.

Mr. A. N. Shukla, additional District Magistrate, rejected today the application of Mr. K. Rama Rao, Editor of the "National Herald", for trial by jury of the case in which he is charged with defamation by Mr. C. S. Ledlie, Superintendent of the Lucknow Camp Jail. The application was made on the plea that Mr. Ledlie was a European British subject and he an Indian British subject.

Mr. Rama Rao then submitted that he intended to move the Chief Court to transfer the case to its own file or to direct the committal of the case to sessions.

The prayer was granted and the case was adjourned till December 23.—A. P.

# Bengal Cabinet Personnel

## Progressive Coalitionist Party's Decision

CALCUTTA, Dec. 14.

The United Press understands that at a meeting of the Progressive Coalition Party held at the residence of Mr. Fazlul Huq, Chief Minister, it was decided that the personnel of the new Cabinet must be selected by the leader of the Party, the number not being below twelve and not exceeding in any circumstances fifteen.

It was further decided that four Muslims including the Chief Minister himself, and one Scheduled Caste member shall be included in the Cabinet from among the Progressive Coalition Party members and each party and group forming the Progressive Coalition Party must be adequately represented on the Cabinet and that it must be within the current budget provision.—United Press.

# INDIA CANNOT BE SILENT SPECTATOR

## Mahajani Urges Wholehearted Support To Democracies

THANA, Dec. 13.

"Japan's entry may bring the ravages of war to this very land. The appalling ignorance and unpreparedness of the masses must be counteracted by a wise lead. Else we should be deserving nothing less than a strong condemnation at the hands of our children. The mere instinct of self-preservation—to put the whole thing on the lowest plane—dictates that our whole-hearted support to the democracies in the war is the surest means of ensuring both the freedom of this country and the elimination of war from human affairs".

Thus observed Dr. G. S. Mahajani addressing a crowded meeting organised by the Thana Catholic Association this afternoon. Mr. Jos Alex Dias presided.

"Mahatma Gandhi's programme of 'opposition to all wars'", added Dr. Mahajani, "should really have been directed against the aggressor nations—Germany, Italy and Japan. There is a peculiar irony in the situation that while Mahatma Gandhi's attitude is causing embarrassment to the democracies who are at heart pacifists, it is only indirectly inviting the aggressors to proceed. At a time like the present a pacifist movement is only likely to confuse and disorganise the people whose first duty it is to check the aggressors."

Concluding Dr. Mahajani said: "A nation of 40 crores cannot disclaim any interest in the new order that will emerge. But it will hardly have any voice, or any right to a voice, if it remained sulky and a silent spectator". —United Press.

## HE HAD DEALINGS WITH JAPAN?

### Sanskrit Scholar Arrested At Lahore

LAHORE, Dec. 14.

Pandit Vishav Bandhu, a Sanskrit research scholar was arrested to-day under the Defence of India Rules. The arrest is reported to be in connection with the general roundup of persons having dealings with Japan.

Pandit Vishav Bandhu visited Japan a few years ago as a delegate of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha to a Buddhist Conference held in Japan.—A. P.

## MASS SPINNING IN CITY

About 100 persons, including about 10 women, participated in a spinning demonstration at the Congress House, on Sunday. In the mass demonstration, all the released Satyagrahis spinners of the various charka clubs of the city, the Charka section of the South Indian Association took part. The demonstration attracted much interest and attention, as the various charkas started humming continuously for about an hour.

In the evening, there was another mass demonstration at the Lalbaugh Maidan.

## WHY MAHATMA DISCONTINUED "HARIJAN"

COIMBATORE, Dec. 13.

"I could not continue "Harijan" without the goodwill of the Government" says Mahatma Gandhi in the course of his reply to a letter from the Secretary of the Coimbatore Civil and Social Workers' Association with regard to his request for the continuance of the weekly "Harijan".—A. P.

## DEANNA DURBIN FOR BRITAIN

LONDON, Dec. 14.

Deanna Durbin, the singing film star, is coming to Britain shortly under the direction of the Entertainments National Service Association (ENSA) to entertain members of the forces and munition workers. She will be the first of a number of American stars, whom the ENSA are bringing over for this purpose, under an officially approved scheme, Mr. Basil Dean said today.

Each star will pay about a month's visit. They will be giving their services and entire time to be devoted to national service entertainment under the sole control of the ENSA.—Reuter.

# REAL POLITICS BEFORE INDIANS

## Rajaji On Need Of Solving Hindu-Muslim Problem

LUCKNOW, Dec. 14.

In the wake of Pandit Nehru's appeal to the country earlier in the week, for a wider outlook of national problems, and Raja Sir Maharaj Singh's speech at the Non-Party Leaders' Conference urging the Congress and the League to come to a settlement, a clarion call to the students to work for communal concord was made by Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar, member of the Congress Working Committee, when he addressed the Law Society at the University to-day.

HINDU-MUSLIM ISSUE

Rajaji at the outset referred to the joint culture that had been built up in India by the Hindus and Muslims and stated that the Hindu-Muslim question was like a balloon. The two communities born and living together had somehow labelled themselves differently as Hindus and Muslims. The labels were quarrelling with one another. The real politics facing the country was Hindu-Muslim unity. Merely castigating each other and throwing the blame at Britain would not do at all. Of course Britain was to blame for it but continuously dinning it into their ears would not serve them from the path which they had found worked favourably to them.

"If your house is on fire", asked Rajaji "the thief may be responsible for it, but is it sufficient to keep quiet after throwing the blame on the thief?" The time had come for less talk and more work in respect of Hindu-Muslim collaboration. Even if one party did not work the other party should take up the work. We should not discuss the question, as discussion had made it more and more difficult."

India he continued, cannot tolerate the present condition which was inconsistent with the self-respect and happiness of the nation. During the last twenty years she had achieved quite a lot and it was for the younger generation to perfect it. Turning to the law students Rajaji said that in a free India far-reaching legal reforms would be necessary. There won't be so many courts each of which took such a long time to settle cases. Criticising the Law of Evidence and the system of trial by jury, Rajaji stated it was not suited for India. He, however, asked students to take to their work rigorously.

CIVIC ADDRESS

Earlier in the evening Mr. Rajagopalachariar was given a civic welcome by the Lucknow Municipal Board. Rajaji advised the Board to cultivate harmonious relations with its executive officers and trust them to do their jobs conscientiously. He was sure that so long as the Board spent the money raised by taxes usefully, the public would not grudge paying it.

The members of the South Indian Association were "At Home" to Rajaji in the afternoon.—A. P.

## STUDENTS' CONFERENCE

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Among the resolutions was one urging democratisation of universities and reduction of fees by 33 p. c.

**If human civilization is to survive; if art, science and culture are not to be sacrificed for the benefit of a handful of the ruling classes, then the youth of the world must march forward to a new world in which there is no exploitation of man by man, nation by nation, and the slogans of which are Freedom, Peace and Progress."**

Thus observed Mr. B. N. Mukherji presiding over the 3rd All-Bombay Students' Conference, this evening, at Jinnah Hall.

Mr. Mukherji criticised the Indian National Congress for its present political attitude, and said that the Congress, by the symbolic Satyagraha movement had created a complete stalemate. The Congress, he said, had abdicated its anti-imperialist role and the present Satyagraha movement was only a "device to stem the revolutionary surge of the Indian people."

Referring to Russia's role in the present war, the speaker said that Russia would fight till she was victorious, as she realised that the fate of the whole world rested in her hands. He criticised the Government for keeping a large number of professed friends of Russia in jail to-day.

In conclusion, he criticised the Hindu Mahasabha and the Muslim League for their communal outlook and the educational authorities for their repressive and ununderstanding attitude towards the students.

Mr. Dinkar Sakrikar, Chairman, Reception Committee, expressed the determination of the students to pursue their chosen path, and expressed his admiration for the student workers who were still under detention.

Mr. Lalji Pendse, who inaugurated the conference, said that with Russia's entry into war, the present war had become the war of the people for freedom. He urged that India should support the present war; for non-co-operation or hostility would be only disastrous. He suggested that the Congress should drop the Satyagraha movement and resume office.

Mr. Abidalli Jofferbhoy requested the students to keep away from party politics, and not to be led away by false slogans. He considered that the Congress could not come back to office, as Britain had not changed her attitude as regards India.

CULTURAL GROUP

Mr. Sushil Daru, moving a resolution on culture, said that the old culture was the handmaid of power and money. The new culture emerging from the present chaos had to be different—the people's culture. He announced the formation of Cultural Group in the Bombay Students' Union.

# Japanese Forced Out Of Hankow And Ichang

# CHINESE LAUNCH FIERCE OFFENSIVE IN HONGKONG

## Penang Subjected To Heavy Bombing Attacks

LONDON, December 14.

**Agency reports from the Pacific war zone state that the heaviest fighting is taking place in the Hongkong area.**

**Chinese forces outside Hongkong are attacking the Japanese forces along the Canton-Kowloon Railway.**

**One Agency message says "that Japanese forces are moving out of Hankow and Ichang on the middle Yangtse, but it is not yet clear whether a total withdrawal is being made."**

## Penang Heavily Bombed

PENANG, Dec. 13.

There were three raids on Penang to-day during which British fighters brought down five enemy planes. Only small groups of enemy participated in the morning raids, but in the afternoon a formation, estimated at over thirty, came over, heavily bombing the town as well as the mainland opposite.—Reuter.

## CHINESE THREATEN KOWLOON

CHUNGKING, Dec. 14

Chinese troops continue to attack the flank and rear of the Japanese forces threatening Kowloon, the mainland town facing Hongkong, says a frontline dispatch to-day.

Heavy fighting is going on at Tamshui and Pingshan, which are near the British colony and east of the Canton-Hankow railway.

Other Chinese dispatches indicate renewed Chinese activity on the lower Yangtse, especially in the area round Nanchang, the capital of Kiangsi Province. Japanese garrisons there were attacked and casualties inflicted on them, it is stated.—Reuter.

## JAPAN HAS NO SURPRISE WEAPON

LONDON, December 13.

Reinforcements will be sent to the Royal Air Force in Malaya and the Middle East, it is learned in authoritative circles in London. The British Air Forces there have been gradually built up to the maximum extent possible having regard to other commitments.

It is learned that Japanese aircraft were used in the attacks on 'Prince of Wales' and 'Repulse' and there is no evidence that the pilots were German.

It is pointed out that the main enemy is still Germany, and if she is defeated the Axis would collapse at once, as Japan has no chance of maintaining a front. American aircraft have done very well. There is no evidence that Japan has a surprise weapon.—Reuter.

## SITUATION WELL IN HAND

MANILA, Dec. 14.

The situation in the Philippines "both on the ground and in the air was well in hand as the first week of military operations came to a close", says the official communique from the American Army Headquarters here to-day (Sunday).

The communique adds that United States bombers have already sunk four Japanese troopships and damaged three others. The Japanese have already paid dearly in troop, planes and shipping losses and the Japanese landing forces are held in tight check.

A resume of the week from the office of General Douglas MacArthur, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Army Forces in the Far East, said that the Japanese transports were attacked north of Luzon, where they were trying to reinforce landing parties near Vigan and Aparri. The Japanese had made 14 major air attacks on the Philippines losing at least 40 planes.

General MacArthur said that the Philippines Army Division smashed a Japanese landing at Lingayen on the west coast of Luzon, about midway between Vigan and Manila. United States bombers had seriously hampered other forces which had reached the shore in limited number at Legaspi, Vigan and Aparri.—Reuter.

## JAPANESE BOMBERS TURN TAIL

### Attempt To Raid Rangoon Foiled: Two Attempts In South Burma

RANGOON, Dec. 13.

Rangoon had a second alert about noon and the Tenasserim area had two further visits about the same time. The Army Headquarters state that on the news of the approach of 27 bombers towards Rangoon from the Merugi direction, a considerable number of fighters were despatched to intercept, but the enemy turned back before contact could be established. All clear was sounded at 14-30 hours, about two hours later.

The locality of Tenasserim was bombed twice about midday, adds the "communique," but damage and casualties were slight.—A. P.

### Cause Of Night Alert

"The presence of an unidentified plane about forty miles north of Moulmein was the cause of an air raid warning sounded at Rangoon last night," states a 'communique' from the Army Headquarters, Burma. "Otherwise, there is nothing to report, the 'communique' adds.—A. P.

## DANGER AT INDIA'S DOOR-STEPS

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13.

The members of the National Defence Council sent the following telegram to the Private Secretary to H. E. the Viceroy on December 9, 1941:—

"Members of National Defence Council now on tour realise gravity of situation created by unprovoked war declared by Japan on United States of America and United Kingdom and of danger that has now reached the very door of this country. Members assure Your Excellency of all possible support and they are confident that India will rise to the occasion in this grave emergency."

The Private Secretary to H. E. the Viceroy has sent the following reply:—

"His Excellency deeply appreciates the loyal and patriotic message of the members of the National Defence Council and is most grateful to them for their help and support at this grave time." —A. P.

### Wedding At Khar

The wedding of Mr. Jayantkumar J. Mehta, son of Mr. Jyotendra & Mrs. Mehta & grandson of the late Sir Lalubhai Samaldas, with Miss Vatsala, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. N. B. Mehta, was celebrated at Khar on Sunday evening.


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## The Half-Column By "Dim"

Without comment—an extract from our own paper:

"As the anti-Pentangular demonstration outside the Brabourne Stadium, proved a greater attraction than the cricket match being played inside a very large number of students, in groups of five and six gathered outside the Cricket Club of India premises. Inside the Stadium, practically all the tents and pavilions were empty. *The only exception was the press-stand which was over-packed.*"

The italics are mine. After all I am a journalist.

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I mentioned in the Half-Column on Saturday how the Yacht Club neglected to take notice of the A.R.P.'s request that the public should co-operate whole-heartedly with the trial black-out last week. I do not think this is a detail that can or should be passed over lightly. The Yacht Club's position is such that it is most vulnerable to attack from the Harbour and the lights of this club would make the city a target for attack. In the circumstances, one sincerely hopes the A.R.P. authorities will make it a point to indicate to the Yacht Club their extreme displeasure (I believe that is about as strong a protest as Englishmen make to Englishmen in India) at the above-mentioned neglect. Sir Roger Lumley, who broadcasted only a little while ago on A.R.P., will realise that even the broadcast of an English Governor of a province is apparently not listened to in the precincts of the Yacht Club. Really, it is a—shame.

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I congratulated my friend, Mr Musry, on Baqlava's win at Calcutta and I am sure the racing fraternity does likewise. It is when small owners like Mr. Musry win the big events that we feel racing is still worth-while. Unfortunately in Bombay, two or three Indian Princes have spoilt the joy of racing by acquiring the best race-horses between them with the result that racing to-day is not so much between individual horses as between big brackets. This is a pity because you and I, who are small punters, hardly get the chance we used to get picking a winner as we did before

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Am anxiously awaiting B. G. Horniman's comment this evening on his (and my) friend, P. D. Bolton. Last week, it was P. D. B. standing like Napoleon on the Billy Ruffian. Will it be P. D. B. on the Hersperus to-day, I wonder? So don't disappoint us, B. G. This will, I hope, become a weekly feature in the "Sentinel" on Monday evenings.

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Suggestions for the sending of X'mas Cards:

From A. C. Ardesir to Horniman.
From Talyarkhan to Jasdanwala
From Holkar to Nayudu.
From Sir Homi Mehta to Dim.
From Sabavala to Bolton.
From Jinnah to Huq.
From Walchand to the Government of India.
From Jawaharlal to Amery.

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### Expulsion Of Huq

MADRAS, Dec. 13.

Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan, Leader of the Muslim League Party in the Madras Assembly, in the course of a statement says:—

The Muslim League is stronger after the explusion of Mr. Fazlul Huq and the Nawab Bahadur of Dacca who cared more for their personal pride and power than for the solidarity of the Muslim League.

It is good that the weeding out of such recalcitrant Leaguers has come at a very psychological moment in the nation's history so that the great Muslim organisation could work out its policy and programme without any let or hindrance.—A.P.

In the afternoon Mr. Huq and Dr. Mookherjee visited the Presidency Jail at Alipore and had an interview with Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose who is now being detained there under the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

# Muslims Make 306 For 7

## Yakub-Kadri Second Wicket Partnership Yields 129

### Bhalerao For The Rest Captures 4 For 74

BOMBAY, Sunday.

A splendid second-wicket partnership between Kadri and Yakub Sheikh which realised 129 runs was the main feature of the second day's game in the first round of the Pentangular Cricket Tournament between the Muslims and the Rest which began on Saturday at the Brabourne Stadium.

By 2-30 the Muslims had equalled the Rest score for the loss of only two wickets.

But thereafter a lot set in and wickets fell cheap. By tea-time they had lost five wickets for 239.

This sudden collapse was due to effective bowling by Bhalerao who took all the three wickets in two successive overs.

Yakub Sheikh was unfortunate to miss his century only by five runs.

When stumps were drawn for the day the Muslims had scored 306 runs for the loss of 7 wickets.

**Scores:**

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| **THE REST (1st Innings)** - - - | 217 |
| **Muslims—1st Innings (for 7 wkts)** ..... | 306 |

At 10-45 Kadri started the game with a straight drive off Alexander which fetched him two. Soon after, two more singles brought the total to 60. Hazare who bowled from the opposite end was quite deadly at the start. After 25 minutes of the game the first change in bowling was effected, Bhalerao having replaced Alexander. Two more singles in his over brought the total to 70. When the score was at 74 Kadri hit Hazare to a leg drive for four, this being the first boundary stroke of the day. Two more singles off Bhalerao in the following over telegraphed 80 on the board.

At this stage Richards replaced Hazare, and with a single off him Kadri reached his individual 30 after one hour and forty minutes' play. The pair was now firmly fixed up, but after 90 the game had become a little dull, and it was after nearly 70 minutes of the day's game that the first Muslim century appeared on the board. At 12-10 Yakub reached his individual 40, thus going ahead of Kadri who was still at 39.

At this stage Arolkar took over the leather from Franks who had replaced Richards. But this had no effect on the batsmen. The pace of run-getting went on increasing, and it took no time for 120 to appear. Thereafter Kadri quickly collected ten more, and was the first on the Muslim side to score individual 50. Runs then went on pouring in plenty, and by the time the lunch was taken, the score-board showed 149 for one wicket, which included Kadri's 60. The second wicket partnership had so far realised 98 runs.

### *After Lunch*

On resumption after lunch Kadri stealing one off Bhalerao completed 150.

Yakoob then drove Hazare for one, thus completing his individual 50. Kadri was now in his best form and twice he drove Bhalerao to the boundary. The score went on increasing, and 160, 170, and 180 went slowly up the board.

KADRI CAUGHT

But the partnership that had added 129 was to last no longer. Trying to hit Hazare, Kadri gave a catch straight in Richard's hands at mid on which the latter quickly accepted (180—2—76). Kadri had played a patient and flawless game, and had remained at the wickets for nearly 205 minutes.

K. C. Ibrahim now joined Yakoob Sheikh. The batsmen went on adding singles and doubles, and at 2-30 the second century of the day appeared on the board. Then Yakoob driving Richards to leg for a double reached his own 80 the total mounting up to 110. One more boundary by Ibrahim off Hazare followed by a single brought the Muslims' score equal to the Rest's. The winning stroke came from Yakoob. The Muslims thus gained an upper hand in the first innings.

SUDDEN COLLAPSE

Yakoob was now nearing his century, but he was not destined to finish it. When at 96 he tried to lift Bhalerao to mid-on, but missed the stroke, and was cleanbowled (236—3—96). Yakub had played a sound game. His 96 included six fours.

Bhalerao who had bowled Yakoob had further luck with the leather. His very next ball saw Gul Mohmed, the next man in, stumped behind the wickets (236—4—0).

One more wicket was yet to fall to Bhalerao's luck. In his following over Ibrahim, who was well set was declared l.b.w. (239—5—27). Thus by tea-time the Muslims had lost five good wickets for 239 Surely a collapse had set in.

PLAY AFTER TEA

In the very first over after the tea interval Hakim was bowled by Alexander, (239—6—0).

Nakhuda and Saeed then continued the game and at 4-10 the Muslim score was 255 for 6 wicdown.

Both the batsmen then played a cautious game without taking any risks. 250 and 260 thus passed the mark. At 264, however, Nakhuda fell a victim, being declared l. b. w., off Bhalerao, (264-7-6).

Alloo, the next man in, played out the over. When the score was at 276, Alloo skied a ball off Richards, but was missed by Hazare, the former thus getting a new life.

When the score was at 295 J. O. Gonsalves was brought in to bowl for the first time. In the following over by Alexander Saeed got a single which brought 300 on the board.

At the close of the game the score was 306.

Score:—

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| **THE REST (1st Innings)** - | 217 |
| **MUSLIMS (1st Innings)** | |
| Nazar Mahomed, b Richards | 30 |
| S. M. Kadri, c Richards, b Hazare ..... | 76 |
| Y. Sheikh, b Bhalerao ..... | 96 |
| K. C. Ibrahim, l.b.w., b Bhalerao ..... | 27 |
| Gul Mahomed, st. Dias, b Bhalerao ..... | 0 |
| A. A. Hakim, b Alexander .. | 1 |
| H. Nakuda, l.b.w., b Bhalerao | 19 |
| Saeed Ahmed (not out) .. | 39 |
| Y. Alloo (not out) ..... | 10 |
| Extras ..... | 21 |
| Total (for 7 wkts.) ..... | 306 |

BOWLING ANALYSIS

| | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E. Alexander | 25 | 4 | 39 | 1 |
| V. S. Hazare | 36 | 10 | 67 | 1 |
| G. Richards | 25 | 4 | 59 | 1 |
| S. R. Arolkar | 8 | 1 | 27 | 0 |
| A. K. Bhalerao | 42 | 10 | 74 | 4 |
| B. Franks | 3 | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| J. Gonsalves | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 |

### *STUDENT PICKETERS ARRESTED*

*BOMBAY, Sunday.*

*Six persons were arrested at the gates of the Brabourne Stadium where picketing was being conducted. They were let off subsequently by the Esplanade Police.*

Besides posting pickets at the various gates a batch of 150 students went round the stadium shouting anti-Pentangular slogans. But as it is alleged that the police objected to their shouting they offered Satyagraha by shouting slogans two at a time. Three batches of pickets including Mr. Abdul Rehman Mitha were arrested and later on let off.

The demonstrators held a meeting and condemned the arrests. Students' Anti-Pentangular Committee has issued the following to the Press:—

In order not to disturb the students from attending their schools and colleges, we have decided to suspend the picketing at the Stadium upto Friday.

The picketing will be started during semi-final days.

The Silver Jubilee meeting of the Society for the Protection of Children in Western India was held at the Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Home, Matunga, on Wednesday, H.E. the Governor presiding. Picture shows: the Governor inspecting the children of the Home.

### *MADRAS RACES POSTPONED*

*MADRAS, Dec. 14.*

*Races advertised to be run on Saturday December 13, 1941, (winter meeting second day), are postponed to Wednesday December 17, 1941, says a notification issued today by the Madras Race Club Guindy.*

*The first race will be run at 2 p.m.—A. P.*

### ALLEGED POLICE HIGH HANDEDNESS AT BRABOURNE STADIUM

#### Mr. Abid Ali's Allegations

Mr. Abid Ali Jafferbhoy says in the course of a statement:—

"I was present at the Stadium this (Sunday) morning and was shocked to find the Police very much excited, and determined to do something more than what they were deputed for. The picketing was peaceful. The behaviour of the students engaged in persuading the people entering the Stadium was exemplary. Suddenly the police arrested a couple of students, and after a while, two more were arrested. I myself heard the Superintendent of Police telling the Sergeants to beat and drive away if any one made noise near the Stadium. As I overheard these instructions, I suggested to the Police Superintendent to think twice before using lathis, particularly when students were peaceful.

"By this time the batch consisting of Messrs. Abdur Rehman Mitha and Chandrakant Dalal reached the place where the Police officers were standing. The Superintendent ordered his assistants to push them back. Mr. Abdur Rehman and his companion refused to go back and offered themselves to be arrested. One European Sergeant suddenly got excited and lifted Mr. Mitha by both legs. But for the presence of mind of one of the Indian police officers, Mr. Mitha would have fallen on the ground and got injured seriously. This Indian police officer held Mr. Mitha at the shoulders and he was pushed in the Police van.

"I pointed out to the Police Superintendent the objectionable behaviour of the European police officer. The Superintendent said that there was a limit to their patience also. But the fact is that there was no provocation of any kind or any reason for excitement or arrest.

"The students continued sending the batches shouting anti-communal Pentangular slogans. But the police officers did not take any action because they got themselves assured that hundreds of waiting students would have to be taken to jail and the police were not prepared for that.

The arrested persons were also released after some time and the picketing and shouting of the slogans continued with added enthusiasm and strength. The police officers should not be excited and lose temper as was done by them this (Sunday) morning.

### INDIA'S DEFENCE

Members of the National Defence Council will give a public discourse on India's defence, at the Framji Cama Hall, (old Wellington Cinema), Dhobi Talao, to-day (Monday), at 6-15 p.m. under the presidency of Sir Cowasji Jehangir.

WASHINGTON:— Turkey has notified the United States that she will remain neutral in "the new conflict which has just broken out" The notification was given to the State Department by the Turkish Ambassador, Etegun. —Reuter.

### INDIAN ARMY THROWN OPEN TO AFRIDIS

PESHAWAR, Dec. 13.

An important Government decision throwing open for the Afridi Tribe enlistment to the Indian Army was announced by His Excellency Sir George Cunningham, Governor of the North-West Frontier Province, speaking at a luncheon given in his honour by Afridis and other Tribal Maliks of the Khyber Agency at Jamrud today. Several European and Indian gentlemen present on the occasion included General Denning and Sir John Donald, a former Chief Commissioner of the North-West Frontier Province.—A.P.

### LEAGUE EXECUTIVE MEETING

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13.

A meeting of the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League will be held at Nagpur on December 26 and is likely to continue on the following day, announces Nawabzada Liaqat Ali Khan, Honorary Secretary of the League.

The recent political developments in the country and the international situation are expected to be considered by the committee.

Mr. M. A. Jinnah is leaving for Bombay on Monday, December 15 and will proceed to Nagpur in time for the meeting.

### GUMASTA WEEK ENDS

#### Mr. Tricumdas' Appeal To Unite Under Mandal's Flag

BOMBAY, Sunday.

After seven days' busy programme, the "Gumasta Week", which was being observed by the city shop assistant came to termination to-day (Sunday), after an inter-communal dinner at Mantri House in the night.

This morning a cycle procession headed by Mr. Bhagwandas Kapadia was taken out from Champa Gally which after marching through important bazars of the city terminated into a meeting at Mantri House. Mr. G. G. Mehta who presided appealed to the Gumastas to enrol themselves as members of the Gumasta Maha Mandal.

In the evening a public meeting under the presidentship of Mr. Purshottam Tricumdas was held at Chowpatty when Messrs. G. G. Mehta, Bhagwandas Kapadia, Shrimati Vimlaben Mehta and other speakers made an appeal to the shop assistants to join the Gumasta Mandal in large number to make the forthcoming Gumasta Conference a success.

The speakers referred to the attempts made by certain interested parties to create communal disunity among the Gumastas, and said that they would never allow the canker of communalism to invade the activities of the Mandal.

Mr. Purshottam Tricumdas, in the course of his speech exhorted the Gumastas to unite under the flag of the Mandal.

At Mantri House, in the night, an intercommunal dinner was arranged wherein Hindu and Muslim Gumastas of Bombay took part.

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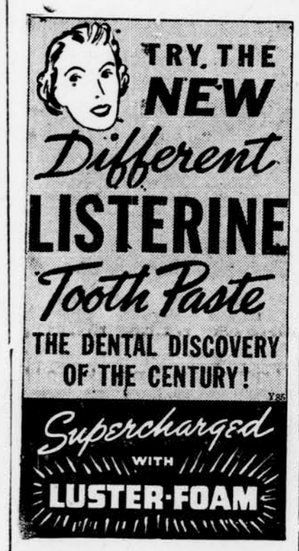




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# Speculative Buying In N. Y. Cotton Market

## PRICES REACT ON FEARS OF STRINGENT PRICE CONTROL

### Fulmer Suggests Removal Of Acreage Restrictions

BOMBAY, Dec. 13.

*On Friday the New York Cotton Market firmed up on mills and New Orleans buying to more reassuring Pacific news.*

*But later prices declined on Southern Selling induced by fears of stringent price control and on Fulmer's suggestion to remove acreage restrictions.*

*Towards the close there was moderate support and the market closed barely steady.*

The New York cotton market was very steady on Friday with mills, New Orleans and Wall-St. buying due to more reassuring Pacific news and continued scarcity of contracts, but reacted on representative Fulmer's suggestion for removal of acreage restrictions, but the setback uncovered renewed trade support. Finally Southern selling appeared and the market closed barely steady.

Chicago grains were offered on the likelihood of expanded collateral redemptions pledged under the Federal Loan programme coupled with proposals for lifting production restrictions on wheat and maize. Wheat recovered partially on reports that Eastern chain bakers are seeking considerable amounts of flour.

Suggestions to remove acreage restrictions are too early to rely. The Commodity Credit Corporation is holding huge stocks under Government loans and perhaps fears of considerable rise in quotations need effective check. This means to fight inflation might have tempted Mr. Fulmer to remove restrictions. However, it is too early to rely on such suggestions and should not be paid attention.

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York cotton market opened at a rise of 14 pts with March quoted at 16.96 and improved to 17.08, which was the highest level. Thereafter there was renewed selling and March was quoted 16.84, which was the lowest level. The market closed at a net decline of one pt. to a rise of 7 pts. Spot cotton was placed at 18.03c per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was quietly steady and closed at a rise of 4 pts. to a decline of 2 pts. Spot cotton prices gained 2 pts. at 17.15c per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The official company has allocated further 15,000 bales of United States cotton arriving shortly. The Cotton Association President reports the official company bought some in India in the past month. Recent current arrivals of U. S. cotton have been very heavy.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest 17.08+26 (10-12 a.m.); lowest 16.84+02 (1-24 p.m.).

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New York: Trade and speculative buying. Market steady.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Dec. 13.

| | To-day's Closing. |
|---|---|
| December | 16.21 |
| January | 16.36 |
| March | 16.63 |
| Middling Spot | 17.87 |

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, Dec. 13.

| | |
|---|---|
| December | 16.17 |
| January | 16.36 |
| March | 16.67 |
| Middling Spot | 16.88 |

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York, Dec. 13.

Day's receipts at all U. S. Ports. 15,000 Bales.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Dec. 13.

T. T. London on:—

| | |
|---|---|
| New York | 4.02-1/2 to 4.03-1/2 |
| Madrid | 40.50 |
| Montreal | 4.43 to 4.47 |
| Berne | 17.30/17.40 |
| Stockholm | 16.85 to 16.95 |

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay: December 13.

| | |
|---|---|
| Wheat May | 0 11 6 |
| Linseed May | 1 1 0 |
| Groundnut February | 3 12 0 |
| Castorseed May | 6 0 0 |
| Cottonseed January | 1 8 0 |
| Cottonseed May | 3 0 0 |
| Silver 1st settlement | 1 12 0 |
| Silver 2nd settlement | 3 0 0 |
| Gold 1st settlement | 1 10 0 |
| Gold 2nd settlement | 2 14 0 |

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES QUOTATIONS

Bombay: December 13.

| F. P. Bales. | 1941/42 | 1940/41 |
|---|---|---|
| Receipts to date 12-12-41 | 2081000 | 2229000 |
| Receipts yesterday 12-12-41 | 15000 | 38000 |
| Export to date 5-12-41 | 514000 | 512000 |
| Stock at Ports 5-12-41 | 3363000 | 3291000 |
| Stock at interior towns do. | 3360000 | 3255000 |
| Quantity in sight 5-12-41 | 5990000 | 6253000 |

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

Bombay: December 13.

| RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY In full-pressed bales. | Yesterday. | This year. | Since 1st Septr. Last year |
|---|---|---|---|
| Khandesh | 806 | 8,727 | 19,176 |
| Central India | | 4,282 | 3,006 |
| Barsi and Nagar | 295 | 13,574 | 8,604 |
| Hyderabad/Gaorani | 63 | 469 | 1,999 |
| Berar | 3,147 | 27,979 | 36,408 |
| Central Provinces | 1,044 | 8,664 | 2,098 |
| Total Oomras | 5,357 | 63,695 | 71,291 |
| Dholeras | 171 | 12,040 | 3,290 |
| N.-W. Provinces | | 949 | 3 |
| Rajputana | | 279 | 359 |
| Sind-Punjab | 1,006 | 112,481 | 126,597 |
| Broach | | 14,097 | 5,431 |
| Coompta & Dharwar | | 5,371 | 20,355 |
| Westerns-Northerns | 1 | 5,332 | 21,788 |
| Cocanada | | | 170 |
| Tinnevelly and Cambodia | | 7,246 | 522 |
| Total | 6,535 | 221,490 | 249,916 |
| Arrived by road to 4th Dec. 1941 | | 14,500 | 24,000 |

SHIPPING NEWS.

IMPORTS

Bombay: December

45 pcs galvd steel pipe; 81 cases bolts and nuts; 52 drums printing ink; 62 ctns elect light bulbs; 31 bales secondhand clothing; 78 cases tonics; 118 straps emulsion; 74 bbls camphor; 40 bundles steel wire bead; 80 cases cocoa powder; 40 cases selenium; 101 cases typewriters; 32 cases tools; 243 cases medicines; 84 cases chemicals; 69 cases perfumery material; 840 bales old newspapers; 636 hhds leaf tobacco; 300 bxs tin plates; 467 drums dyestuff; 300 rolls news print paper; 212 bundles printing paper; 125 pkgs sewing machines; 36 ctns paraffin wax; 156 cases machinery and parts; 213 drums coal tar dyes; 80 boxes cadmium sulphide; 36 bundles cars; 600 boxes fruit salt; 75 bundles sulframin powder; 43 cyl antydrous ammonia; 305 bales newspapers; 70 hhds lime juice; 30 cts steel wire mesh; 101 bundles galvd wire; 65 casks sheet zinc; 839 pkgs auto parts.

EXPORTS

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| Addition to Life Fund. | 21.6 | ,, |
| Life Fund | 155.22 | ,, |
| Investment Reserve. | 4.87 | ,, |
| General Reserve | 1.76 | ,, |
| Expense Ratio | 25.77 | ,, |

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# Japanese Parachutists Wiped Out

## HAND-TO-HAND FIGHT IN LUZON MOUNTAINS

## Guam Isolated: Wake And Midway Continue To Resist

MANILA, December 14.

**Hundreds of Japanese parachutists and land troops were wiped out in several hours' hand to hand fighting with Filipino soldiers in the mountains of north and central Luzon Island on December 12, according to an eye witness story.**

### *FIGHTING AT LANDING POINTS*

MANILA, Dec. 14.

Early on Sunday morning an army spokesman stated that operations were proceeding against the Japanese at each of the three landing points in Luzon, namely, the regions of Aparri, Vigan and Legaspi. The night passed without an incident. "There is no change in the situation", the spokesman said.

TOWN CEBU BOMBED

MANILA:—General MacArthur said that the town Cebu on the Island of Cebu was also bombed.—Reuter.

### *20 JAPANESE PLANES DESTROYED*

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.

Over twenty Japanese planes were destroyed in last Sunday's Japanese air attack on Hawaii, announced the War Department to-day. The Official Communique added: "American pilots were outnumbered at all times and found the opponents decidely clever and dangerous fliers".

Dealing with the war developments up to 21.00 G. M. T. the Communique had nothing to report from other areas.

### Guam Isolated

Following is the text of a Communique issued by the Navy Department: "The Navy Department announces that it is unable to communicate with Guam either by radio or cable. The capture of the Island is probable.

A small force, less than 400 naval personnel and 155 marines were stationed at Guam.

According to last reports from Guam the Island had been bombed repeatedly and Japanese troops had landed at several points on the Island.

Wake and Midway continue to resist."

The Communique makes no mention of the American civilians on Guam or what their fate might have been. Some time ago Congress appropriated considerable sums for 5th development of seaplane facilities there and it is believed that unless workers had been withdrawn, even after Japan's lightning attack on Pearl Harbour many of them were probably in the Island at the time of its supposed capture.

### NEW NAVAL PROGRAMME

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.

A thirty per cent increase in the United States ships is announced. The increase contemplated would be about 900,000 tons in the United States naval strength. The new programme is expected to include seven or eight 45,000 tons battle ships, 29,000 tons aircraft carriers, twenty-seven 7,000 ton cruisers and more than eighty submarines.—Reuter.

### *U. S. ARMY STRENGTH*

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.

Brigadier-General Lewis Hershey, Selective Service Director, stated on Saturday that America could call up an army of over seven million men, if necessary, if Congress made men from 19 to 44 inclusive subject to military training.—Reuter.

### *American Forces For Battle Fronts*

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.

President Roosevelt has signed the legislation passed earlier this week removing restrictions on the use of American land forces outside the Western Hemisphere, and retaining the Army, Navy and Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel in service for the duration.—Reuter.

### Navy Secretary Back From Hawaii

SANDIEGO:—The Navy announces the return of the Navy Secretary, Colonel Knox by plane from Hawaii. Col. Knox immediately left for Washington. "I will have no statements to release until after conference with the President" said Col. Knox.

### Romantic City, Now A Defence Unit

HONOLULU:—Honolulu has changed over night. This romantic resort, where only a few days ago couples lolled in sandy beaches and wandered amongst green palm trees, has become a tense, watchful and toughened defence unit in the war against aggression. Everybody from the Governor to the smallest boy scout is ready for action. At night all lights are dimmed in the streets which are patrolled by steel-helmeted soldiers. Windows are criss-crossed with tape against bomb blast and refugees from destroyed homes are accommodated in schools. Theatres which have been closed since Saturday have now reopened.

### IFTIKHARUDDIN TO PRESIDE

PATNA: December 12.

Mian Iftikharuddin, President of the Punjab Provincial Congress Committee, is expected to preside over the ensuing session of the All-India Students' Conference, at Patna, during the X'mas holidays.

His name for presidentship of the session has been so far proposed by three Provinces, including the U. P. and Bihar.—A. P.

### *INSTRUCTIONS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS*

#### *'Technical' Satyagrahis Should Be Released*

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13.

It is understood that the Government of India has addressed a detailed letter to Provincial Governments explaining the scope of the order in connection with the release of the political prisoners. It appears the letter makes it clear that all Satyagraha prisoners should be released with the excepting of those guilty of inciting violence interfering with recruitment, tampering with war production or offences of a similar nature.

It is understood that the meaning of "formal or symbolic offences" is clearly explained in the letter.

### PUNJAB GOVT. COMMANDEER WHEAT

LAHORE, Dec. 13.

With a view to removing the handicaps encountered by the public in making the requisite purchase of wheat for their consumption, the Punjab Government have commandeered stocks in principal "mandis", and WHEAT WILL NOW BE SOLD AT THE RATE FIXED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

The Government's action was announced by beat of drum all over the city to-day to allay public anxiety.—United Press.

### *LABOUR LEADERS SUPPORT TO U. S. A. GOVERNMENT*

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.

Three of America's most powerful labour leaders have pledged wholehearted support to the war effort of the United States.

Mr. William Green, President of the American Federation of Labour, said: "Labour knows its duty. It will do it and more. No new laws are necessary to prevent strikes. Labour will see to that."

The President of the Congress of Industrial Organisations, Mr. Philip Murray declared that 15,000,000 of the Congress of Industrial Organisations are ready and eager to do their utmost to defend the country against the courageous aggression of Japanese imperialism and secure the final defeat of Hitler's forces."

Mr. John Lewis, Vice-President of the Congress of Industrial organisations and United mineworkers stated: "Each true American will co-operate and unified effort will become a living reality. With all other citizens, I join in support of the Government till the day of ultimate triumph over Japan and all other enemies."—Reuter.

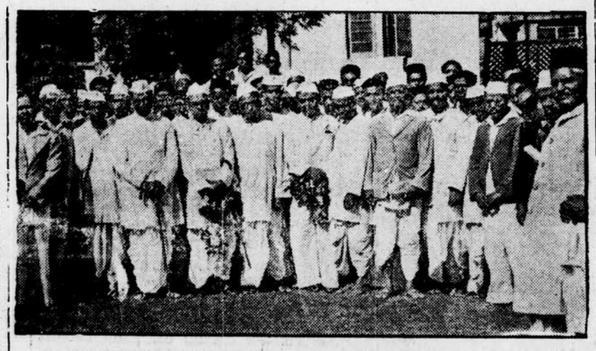
### *Sub-Inspector Of Police Shot Dead*

RANCHI, Dec. 13.

Mahomed Yakub, Sub-Inspector of Police, and two others are reported to have been shot dead at the compound of the Chandia Catholic Mission by one Oconnor who ran amuck.

Enquiries from the local authorities indicate that he left Macluskie Gunj, Anglo-Indian Colony, with one rifle and many cartridges and went to the Mission bungalow. The missionary somehow managed to come out of the bungalow and informed the police.

Oconnor opened fire at the police force, which was sent for his arrest, with the above result.—United Press.



Mr. B. G. Kher addressed members of the Bombay Textile Clerks' Union at the Damodar Thakersey Hall on Sunday morning. Photo shows him with a group of members.

Messrs. S. D. Dongre and S. R. Joshi, two City Satyagrahis, who offered Satyagraha by shouting anti-war slogans. Photo shows them shouting the slogans. They were not arrested by the police.

## BRITISH TANKS FOR RUSSIA

### Awaiting Official Transfer At Teheran Station

TEHERAN, December 13.

A shipment of light tanks heavily armed from England is now awaiting official transfer to the Russians in the Teheran station.—Reuter.

### British Ambassador To Turkey In Teheran

TEHERAN, Dec. 13.

The British Ambassador to Turkey, Sir Hughe Knatchbull Hugessen, arrived to-day by air on a short visit to the British Minister in Iran.—Reuter.

### *KING'S BIRTHDAY*

LONDON, December 14.

The King is spending his 46th birthday today in the country with the Queen and his daughter. Messages of congratulation from all parts of the Empire and from the United States reached the Buckingham Palace during the weekend. A personal message from President Roosevelt was among them. The Prime Minister also sent congratulations to the King on behalf of the Cabinet.—Reuter.

This portrait in oils of the Wor. Bro. Pestonji M. Kanga, Past Grand Master Depute, A.S.F.I., Hon. Grand Chaplain (Scot), who passed his Masonic Jubilee on 2-5-41, was unveiled recently by Mr. Harry Royal in the absence of the Hon. Mr. Justice Blackwell, in the Masonic Hall, Bombay. The painting was executed by Mr. Sorab M. Pithawalla.

## Viceroy Must Meet Azad

### THIS IS NO TIME FOR BARGAINING

### Enlist India For Victory By Conceding Demand For National Govt.

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Dec. 14

"India may be before long within the range of Japanese bombers. The gesture of liberating the Congress prisoners, though only one in ten is yet free, was a good beginning but not more. If we want to mobilize the manhood and labour power of India on our side at a moment when we need every ally we can win, we shall have to give India without delay a National Government of her own. We should not try to bargain or discuss the problems of future. Details must be left to India's own leaders to settle"

Thus writes the "News Statesman and Nation" under the caption "India in Battle Zone".

After referring to the "fact that there is no possibility of Mr. Gandhi and Mr. Jinnah co-operating", the paper adds:— "But we believe all less doctrinaire men of both creeds and parties can be won in this manifest hour of danger on one condition that India shall govern herself now and determine her own future. The obvious course is that the Viceroy should ask the liberated Congress President, a Muslim, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, to meet him at the same time as Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The Hindus would be wise to suggest that a reasonable Muslim, perhaps Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, should head as Premier of the first National Government.

### 'KHALSA' EDITOR ARRESTED

### Typewriter And Documents Seized From Residence: Dealings With Japan?

LAHORE, Dec. 13

Sardar Bakhshish Singh, Editor of the "Khalsa", a vernacular weekly of Lahore, was arrested this afternoon under the Defence of India Rules.

The arrest is reported to have been effected in connection with the round up of persons having dealings with Japan.

Sardar Bakhshish Singh's house was also searched by the police two days ago in his absence when a typewriter and some documents were removed.—A.P.

### *BAN ON IMPORT OF CHINESE NOTES*

NEW DELHI, Dec. 13.

A Gazette of India Extraordinary announces that the Central Government has prohibited bringing by sea or land into British India from any place other than Burma, of Chinese dollar notes unless generally or specially permitted by the Reserve Bank of India.—A. P

### "SIKH" AND "MAORI"

LONDON, December 13.

H.M.S. 'Sikh' and H.M.S. 'Maori' which have been mentioned in the Admiralty communique are tribal class destroyers of 1,870 tons displacement, and a normal complement of 190 armed with eight 4.7 and seven smaller guns, and having four 21-inch torpedo tubes. The 'Sikh' was completed in 1938, and the 'Maori' in 1939.

H.M.S. 'Legion' is of the lightning class, of 1928 tons displacement, her armament being six 4.7 and several smaller guns and eight 21-inch torpedo tubes. She was completed in 1940. Commander Graham Henry Stockes of the 'Sikh' helped in the sinking of the 'Bismark', and was awarded the D.S.C. for 'determination and skill' in this action.—Reuter.

### Revising List Of Enemy Firms In National Countries

NEW DELHI, December 13.

The Government of India, in a notification dated December 13, 1941, which will come into operation on December 18, 1941 have issued further additions and amendments to the list of enemy firms in neutral countries, with whom it is unlawful to have dealings of any kind.—A. P.

## EAST INDIES PREPARED

### "Scorched Earth" Squads To Thwart Japanese Occupation

LONDON, Dec. 13

"Scorched Earth" squads in the Netherlands East Indies have been organised to secure that in the case of invasion not a single maritime or military establishment or war industry will fall into the hands of the enemy, according to the Batavia radio.

"This is only one example of our preparedness. We have learned a lot from the war in the west and in Russia and the mistake of leaving everything to chance will not be followed here", added the announcer.—Reuter.

### *EAST-INDIES TEA FOR BRITAIN*

LONDON, Dec. 13.

An agreement has been reached for the purchase by the British Ministry of Food of 48 million pounds of tea from the Netherlands East Indies for 1942, being the same quantity as for 1941.

Great satisfaction has been expressed in Dutch circles in London on the conclusion of this contract which shows confidence that the N. E. I. will be able to continue to export under difficult conditions which are undoubtedly ahead for the N. E. I.—Reuter.

### Churchill's Message To New Zealand

WELLINGTON, Dec. 13.

Mr. Churchill has sent the following message to the New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr Fraser:

"I am deeply grieved about the severe losses your heroic divisions have suffered in the forefront of the battle. All accounts I have received pay the highest tribute to their brilliant work. The war is going well in Libya, Russia and the Atlantic."—Reuter.

### *HOLD UPS WON'T BE TOLERATED*

WELLINGTON, Dec. 13.

The Labour Minister, Mr. Webb, declared: "Government will not tolerate hold-ups in essential industries. Anyone doing so will be removed from the industry."—Reuter.

### *STATES PEOPLE TO MEET IN BARDOLI*

BOMBAY, Dec. 13.

The Standing Committee of the All-India States Peoples' Conference will meet at Bardoli on December 26, immediately after the Congress Working Committee meeting.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, President of the Conference, will preside.—United Press.

### SITUATION IN MADURA NOW NORMAL

MADURA, Dec. 13.

The situation in Madura has returned to normal. No untoward incidents were reported yesterday and to-day. Almost all shops in the town were opened to-day.

Reserve police are however patrolling the affected areas.

So far 55 persons have been arrested by the police in connection with the incidents on Thursday last.—A. P.

### Tagore Memorial

CALCUTTA, Dec. 13.

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru arrived in Calcutta this morning to preside over a meeting of the All-India Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Committee.

It is understood that a proposal has been submitted to the committee for the erection of a 80-foot column with the head of Poet Tagore as its crown, near the approach to the Howrah Bridge.

Sir Tej Bahadur, who had telephonic talks with Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq and Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee after his arrival, congratulated them on the formation of the new Ministry.—United Press.

### *Japan-Returned Businessman Under Arrest*

CALCUTTA, Dec. 13.

Mr. Sailendra Sekhar Bagchi, a businessman of the city, has been taken into custody by the Special Branch of the Calcutta Police under the Defence of India Rules.

Mr. Bagchi, it is stated, recently returned from Japan.—A. P.

## *Charlie Chan Detective Story Day By Day:*

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